



City of Missoula, Montana
Item to be Referred to City Council Committee

Committee: Budget Committee of the Whole

Item: Resolution setting method of assessment and levying assessments for Road District t#1 for fiscal year 2020

Date: August 15, 2019

Sponsor(s): Marty Rehbein

Prepared by: same

Ward(s) Affected:

☐ Ward 1	☐ Ward 4
☐ Ward 2	☐ Ward 5
☐ Ward 3	☐ Ward 6
☒ All Wards	☐ N/A

Action Required:
Adopt resolution

Recommended Motion(s):

BCOW Committee August 21, 2019

I move the City Council: Discussion Only—Pre-public hearing information presentation.

City Council August 26, 2019 public hearing

Adopt/deny a resolution of the City Council of the City of Missoula, Montana, levying and assessing the lots and parcels within the City of Missoula Road District Number 1 in the amount of \$4,558,571 for the costs associated with providing certain maintenance, purchasing and improvement services in fiscal year 2020 for city-owned facilities, land and equipment under the responsibility and care of the City of Missoula Public Works Department's Street Division, Central Service's Vehicle Maintenance Division and Development Service's Engineering Division providing for a method of assessments; and providing for other matters properly relating thereto.

Timeline:

Referral to committee:	August 19, 2019
Committee discussion:	August 21, 2019
Public Hearing:	August 26, 2019
Deadline:	August 26, 2019

Background and Alternatives Explored:

The City Council created Road District #1 in FY 2011. The district encompasses the entire city limits including all parcels annexed since the district was first established. This past spring, the Public Works Department, Central Services Department and Development Services developed a work plan and budget for Road District #1. The work plan and budget has been presented to the City Council as part of the FY 2020 budget process.

The preliminary assessment proposed for the district is \$4,558,571. The City Council is conducting public hearings on the budget and work plan as part of its consideration of the city's overall FY 2020 budget at City Council meetings scheduled on August 19, 2019.

State law provides that once the work plan and budget for the district are finalized, the City Council must conduct a public hearing on the method of assessment chosen to finance the activities in the district and the final assessments. Staff is recommending the City Council assess each parcel based on that portion of taxable value that its taxable valuation bears to the total taxable valuation of the property in the District (the same method used every year since the district's inception).

The final resolution will be amended to incorporate the City Council's final budget decisions for the road district and the individual assessments will be presented at the public hearing.

Financial Implications:

We are still awaiting parcel based valuations from the state Department of Revenue. We will present the assessments for properties at the public hearing. Each property owner pays a proportionate share their property's taxable value bears in relation to the total taxable value of the city.