



MULTNOMAH COUNTY AGENDA PLACEMENT REQUEST

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Meeting Date: 4/28/16
Agenda Item #: R.2
Est. Start Time: 9:40 am
Date Submitted: 4/6/16

Agenda Title: **Public Hearing and Consideration of the 2016-2017 Mid-County Street Lighting Service District No. 14 Proposed Budget and Other Administrative Matters.**

Requested Meeting Date: April 28, 2016 **Time Needed:** 15 minutes
Department: Community Services **Division:** Director's Office
Contact(s): Tom Hansell
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Presenter Name(s) & Title(s): Tom Hansell, Business Services Manager/District Budget Manager

General Information

1. What action are you requesting from the Board?

Convene as the Budget Committee of the Mid-County Street Lighting Service District No. 14 (District) to:

- Select presiding officer from among budget committee members present;
- Hear budget message;
- Open Public Hearing to consider any testimony presented by the public about the proposed budget, and
- Vote and approve on the budget for submittal to Tax Supervising and Conservation Commission (TSCC).

2. Please provide sufficient background information for the Board and the public to understand this issue. Please note which Program Offer this action affects and how it impacts the results.

Multnomah County's Mid-County Street Lighting Service District No. 14 operates under the provisions of Chapter 451 of the Oregon Revised Statutes to provide street lighting in particular areas of the County. The Multnomah County Board of Commissioners serves as the governing body of the District and today meets as the District budget committee. The budget committee's role today is to ask questions, comment, and vote on the budget.

The annual budget for each District is prepared under the direction of a budget officer designated by the Board. Tom Hansell from the Department of Community Services

serves as budget officer of the District. The budget committee reviews the annual budget and approves it either as submitted by the budget officer or with revisions requested by the committee. Once approved the budget is sent to TSCC for review and comment and the approved budget is published to seek public comment. The approved budget will be returned to the District governing body for consideration of a resolution for adoption on June 9, 2016.

These procedures fulfill the requirements of Oregon's Local Budget Law (ORS Chapter 294), which provides specific methods for obtaining public review and comment on the financial and administrative policies of the District.

Multnomah County's Department of Community Services provides financial, administrative, and illumination engineering services to the District. The District is, however, a separate and independent financial entity. Expenses incurred, such as administration and fiscal services, are met with revenue received from a tax assessment to real property within the street lighting service District.

The District was organized to provide street lighting in the unincorporated areas of Multnomah County and the cities of Maywood Park, Troutdale, and Fairview.

3. Explain the fiscal impact (current year and ongoing).

The District proposes a total budget of \$468,500 for fiscal year 2017. This budget represents an \$881,500 or 65% decrease from the current adopted budget of \$1.35M. The decrease is associated with completion of the first phase of street light replacement with energy efficient Light Emitting Diode (LED) technology. The FY 2017 budget aligns the District resources to meet expected power costs associated with the recent installation of LED street lights, continue to maintain District assets and capital spending replacing ornamental street lights with LED lighting and targeted pole replacement.

The LED work completed in FY 2016 resulted in 2,200 street lights converted from high pressure sodium lamps to LED fixtures. The remaining 500 high pressure street lights in the District inventory are decorative ornamental style street lights and will be up next for replacement. The selection of a LED decorative street light will be done in partnership with the cities of Fairview and Troutdale to ensure each can choose a luminaire which complements their community.

Additionally the District continues to work with the cities in supporting lighting system improvement projects which respond to new development, vehicular and pedestrian conflict areas and improving pedestrian safety.

The revenues necessary to support the operations of the District are collected through special assessments collected through the property tax system. The District's current assessment is \$60.00 per property per year. For FY 2017, the District proposes no change to the rate. The District anticipates after all street lights have been converted to LED the District will then be in a position to reduce the assessment rate to match annual power and maintenance costs.

4. Explain any legal and/or policy issues involved.

The District is a separate legal entity (ORS 451). Because of its size, it requires a budget committee. The actions requested of the District Budget Committee are consistent in meeting the requirements of Tax Supervising Conservation Commission and statewide local budget law.

5. Explain any citizen and/or other government participation that has or will take place.

Published two Notices of Public Hearing for the Budget Committee Meeting. The District continues to work directly with cities of Portland and Gresham in collaborating to identify management practices in maintaining and delivering LED street light solutions to the citizens we serve.

Required Signature

**Elected
Official or
Department
Director:**

Kim Peoples /s/

Date: 4/6/16

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