



MULTNOMAH COUNTY AGENDA PLACEMENT REQUEST

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Meeting Date: 5/29/14
Agenda Item #: R.12
Est. Start Time: 11:30 am
Date Submitted: 5/13/14

Agenda Title: **Public Hearing and RESOLUTION Adopting the 2014 - 2015 Budget for Mid-County Street Lighting Service District No. 14 and Making Appropriations**

Note: Title should not be more than 2 lines but sufficient to describe the action requested. Title on APR must match title on Ordinance, Resolution, Order or Proclamation.

Requested

Meeting Date: May 29, 2014 **Time Needed:** 5 minutes

Department: Community Services **Division:** LUT

Contact(s): Tom Hansell

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Presenter

Name(s) &

Title(s): Tom Hansell, Program Manager

General Information

1. What action are you requesting from the Board?

Convene as the governing body of the Mid-County Service District to:

- Convene a Public Hearing to hear and consider any testimony from persons present and respond to questions about the budget and fiscal policy decisions.
- Approve Resolution adopting fiscal year 2014 – 2015 budget for the Mid-County Street Lighting Service District No. 14 and make appropriations.

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.

The Mid-County Street Lighting Service District manages street lights and pays the utilities for street lights in the unincorporated urban portions of Multnomah County and the cities of Fairview, Maywood Park, and Troutdale. District growth has stabilized due to the substantial completion of municipal annexations. However, the District continues to experience mild increases in growth as a result of urban development.

Portland General Electric (PGE) provides energy and maintenance services for the District. The County provides the illumination engineering, design services and administration to the District.

The District's FY 2014 - 2015 operations and maintenance budget responds to necessary

maintenance tasks on the District's decorative pole inventory and projected replacement of luminaires which have reached end of life. The capital equipment replacement program is planned at \$50,000.

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

The District budget was approved at \$859,500 for FY 2014-2015 (See Exhibit A to the Resolution). The revenues necessary to support the operations of the District are collected through a special assessment collected through the property tax system. The District's current assessment is \$60.00 per property per year. For FY 2014 - 2015, the District proposes no change to the rate.

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

The District is a separate legal entity. Because of its size, it requires a budget committee. On April 17, 2014, in the Board Room of the Multnomah Building, the Budget Committee was convened to hear and discuss the budget.

Because the District covers a population of less than 100,000, it is not legally necessary to request a Tax Supervising & Conservation Commission (TSCC) hearing for the budget. However the approved budget for the District was submitted to TSCC, and they have certified the budget. TSCC identified no recommendations or objections (See Exhibit B to the Resolution).

The May 29, 2014 public hearing fulfills the requirement of Oregon's Budget Law. The District's financial summary was published in the Oregonian and on the County's Home web page showing changes between the current adopted and the approved FY 2014 – 15 budget.

The Board of County Commissioners convening as the governing body of the District can adopt the budget only after the budget hearing.

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

At the April 17, 2014 budget committee meeting a public hearing was opened, to hear and consider any testimony by the public about the budget. No testimony was received. At the May 29, 2014 meeting a second public hearing will be held to hear and consider any testimony from persons present and respond to questions about the budget and fiscal policy decisions reflected in the approved budget.

Required Signature

**Elected
Official or
Department
Director:**

Kim Peoples /s/

Date:

May 13, 2014