

Agenda Report

TO:

CITY COUNCIL

DATE:

June 26, 2006

FROM:

CITY MANAGER

SUBJECT: Adoption of a Resolution for the Establishment of Underground Utility District

No. 06-1 Raymond Avenue, Maple Street to North City Limits

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that, after a Public Hearing, the City Council:

- 1. Adopt a Resolution establishing Underground Utility District No. 06-1, Raymond Avenue from Maple Street to North City Limits.
- 2. Acknowledge this project to be categorically exempt under the California Environmental Quality Act in accordance with Article 19, Section 15302(a) of the CEQA Guidelines (conversion of overhead electric utility systems to underground) and authorize the City Manager to execute and the City Clerk to file a Notice of Exemption for the project with the Los Angeles County Clerk.

BACKGROUND

The City has a continuing program to underground all overhead electric systems, specifically power and communication lines. The undergrounding of overhead electric systems improves system reliability, and enhances the aesthetic quality of an area by the removal of unsightly utility poles and overhead wires. Although the affected utilities are currently preparing draft plans for the undergrounding system, an established underground utility district is necessary to require the affected property owners to underground their private property facilities.

This project would underground the overhead electric system on Raymond Avenue in the area from Maple Street to the North City Limits. A finding of compliance with the General Plan was previously made and is shown in the adopted Fiscal Year (FY) 2007 – 2012 Capital Improvement Program.

All affected property owners have been notified of the public hearing on the establishment of the district. An informational meeting was held on Wednesday, June 21, 2006 to discuss the projected timeline and cost of the proposed utility district.

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Under the guidelines for implementation of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), this project is categorically exempt since it involves the conversion of an overhead electric utility system to an underground system. Therefore, it is recommended that a Notice of Exemption be filed with the Los Angeles County Clerk.

General Information

The affected utilities involved in this proposed district include Pasadena Water & Power, AT&T, Champion Broadband, and Charter Communications. All affected utilities will enter into a joint trench agreement sharing in the space and cost of the trench.

After the installation of conduits, cables, and transformers, the affected power customers must install conduit from the property line at the sidewalk to the existing meter or designated service point. Estimated construction cost could range from \$1,500 to \$5,000 per property. Upon completion, the City will reimburse each property owner up to \$2,000 or the lesser actual cost of the work.

The overhead wires and poles will not be removed until all affected property owners have installed the necessary conduit and are connected to the underground system. This project also includes the installation of a new street lighting system.

Project Statistics

•	Total number of properties within proposed utility district:	247
•	Total number of affected properties required to convert:	176
•	Total number of poles to be removed:	150
•	Total number of miles within proposed utility district:	2.1

<u>Projected Construction Schedule</u> – (Projected Completion Dates)

•	PHASE I:	Installation of underground infrastructure	7/1/2008
•	PHASE II:	Installation of electric cables, and transformers	12/1/2008
•	PHASE III:	Installation of street lighting	5/1/2009
•	PHASE IV:	Installation of private property conduit	10/1/2009
•	PHASE V:	Removal of overhead wires and poles	12/1/2009

Projected Construction Cost

•	Electric Underground System	\$5,700,000
•	Street Lighting System	\$ 950,000
T	otal Estimated Cost	\$6,650,000

FISCAL IMPACT

Funds for the proposed Underground Utility District 06-1 in the amount of \$3,795,000 are provided by the Underground Surtax Fund as part of the City's adopted Fiscal Year (FY) 2007 – 2012 Capital Improvement Program under Budget Account Number 74490, Street Lighting and Electric System Undergrounding; Raymond Avenue, Maple Street to North City Limits. The remaining \$2,855,000 will be requested in FY 2008.

Respectfully submitted,

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City Manager

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RESOLUTION NO.	
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RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING THE FORMATION OF UNDERGROUND UTILITY DISTRICT 06-1 ON RAYMOND AVENUE FROM MAPLE STREET TO NORTH CITY LIMITS.

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 8602, a public hearing was called for June 26, 2006 at the hour of 7:00 p.m. in the Pasadena Senior Center, Multi-purpose Room located at 85 E. Holly Street, Pasadena, California, to ascertain whether the public necessity, health, safety, or welfare requires the removal of poles, overhead wires and associate overhead structures, and the underground installation of wires and facilities for supplying electric, communication, or similar or associated service, within that certain area of the City described as follows:

Larrabee Tract recorded in Map Book 7, Page 60; Golden Poppy Tract recorded in Map Book 6, Page 96; J.P. Nelson's Subdivision recorded in Miscellaneous Records 23, Page 77; Jerome Tract recorded in Map Book 17, Page 44; Imelda A. Tebbetts Tract recorded in Map Book 8, Page 49; Tract No. 6201 recorded in Map Book 108, Page 31; Replat of Tebbetts Subdivision recorded in Miscellaneous Records 42, Page 9; Subdivision of Blocks N & O Painter & Ball Tract recorded in Map Book 18, Page 89; Tract No. 174 recorded in Map Book 20, Page 184; Woods Subdivision recorded in Miscellaneous Records 30, Page 71; Subdivision of Blocks N & O of the Subdivided Lads of J.H. Painter & B.F. Ball, recorded in Miscellaneous Records 18, Page 89; Tract No. 3142, recorded in Map Book 33, Page 24; Replat of Blocks 1 & 2 or J.P. Nelson's Subdivision, recorded in Miscellaneous Records 37, page 99; J.P. Nelson Tract, recorded Miscellaneous Records 83, page97; Willis Tract, recorded in Map Book 7, page 108; Painter & Ball Tract, recorded in Miscellaneous Records 4, page 549; Tract No. 5201, recorded in Map Book 108, page31, M.D. Painters Subdivision in Miscellaneous Records 18, Page 26; La

Pintoresca Tract Map Book 8, Page 179; Tract No. 30542 recorded in Map Book 824, Page 51-52; L.H. Michener's Subdivision of the N. 38.86 Acres Block U Painter's Ball addition to Pasadena in Miscellaneous Record 14, Page 77; Tract No. 40411, recorded in Map Book 990, Page 70-71; Miller & Carter's Subdivision of Part of Block U of the Painter & Ball Tract recorded in Miscellaneous Records 10, Page 20; New Fair Oaks Avenue Tract, Miscellaneous Records 11, Page 1; San Pasqual Tract, Miscellaneous Records 32, Page 81; Parcel Map P.M. 307, Page 12-13; Andrews & Stowell's Subdivision, Miscellaneous Records 17, Page 10; Tract No. 50861, recorded in Map Book 1187, Page 62-63; Tract No. 36769, recorded in Map Book 938, Page 96-97; Parcel Map 241, Page 23-25; Subdivision of Lots 14 & 15 and Parts of Lots 16 & 17 of L.H. Michener's Subdivision of the Summit Avenue Tract also a Part of Lot 4, Block B, L.V.L. & W. Association Lands, recorded in Miscellaneous Records 10, Page 85; L.H. Michener's Resubdivision of the South 14 Acres of Block U of Painter & Ball's Addition to Pasadena, Miscellaneous Records 7, Page 60; M.D. Painter's Replat Lots 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 17, and 18 Block C, New Fair Oaks Avenue Tract; also of Lots 9 and 10 in Michener's Resubdivision, Miscellaneous Records 15, Page 7; Miller, Carter & Frosts Subdivision of the Sheldon Property A Part of Lot 7, Block B, San Pasqual Tract, Miscellaneous Records 13, Page 41; A.J. Brown's Subdivision of a Part of Block U, Painter & Ball's Addition, Miscellaneous Records 10, Page 11, all in said City of Pasadena, County of Los Angeles, State of California and all records in the office of the County Recorder of Los Angeles County.

WHEREAS, such hearing has been given an opportunity to be heard:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Pasadena that:

- 1. Pursuant to Chapter 13.14 of the Pasadena Municipal Code, the above described area hereby is declared an Underground Utility District, and is designated as Underground Utility District No. 06-1 of the City of Pasadena. Attached hereto, marked "Exhibit A" and "Exhibit A1", and hereby incorporated as a part of this Resolution, is a Boundary Map (Public Works Department Drawing No. 5541, sheets 1 and 2) delineating the boundaries of said District.
- 2. The City Council does hereby fix, as the date on which affected property owners must be ready to receive underground service, and does hereby order the removal of all poles, overhead wires and associated overhead structures and the underground installation of wires and facilities for supplying electric, communication, or similar or associated service within Underground Utility District No. 06-1 on or before, October 1, 2009.
- 3. The City Clerk hereby is directed to notify all affected utilities and all persons owning real property within Underground Utility District No. 06-1 of the adoption of this resolution within 10 days after the date of such adoption. The City Clerk shall further notify said property owners of the necessity that, if they or any person occupying such property desire to continue to receive electric, communication or other similar or associated service, they or such occupant shall, by the date fixed in this resolution, provide all necessary facility changes on their premises so as to receive such service from the lines of the supplying utility or utilities at a new location, subject to any applicable codes of the City and the rules, regulations and tariffs of each respective utility on file with the Public Utilities Commission of the State of California. Such notification shall be made by mailing a copy of this resolution, together with a copy of Chapter 13.14 of the Pasadena Municipal Code, and a cover letter prepared by the Public Works

Department, to such utilities and property owners as shown on the real property records of the County Assessor, Tax and License Collector.

4. The City Council hereby finds and determines as follows: The Underground Utility District herein created will provide a significant and unique benefit to the City over and above the public necessity, health, safety, or welfare required to designate the area as an underground utility district in that the streets, roads or right-of-way in the District are extensively used by the general public for access to major commercial facilities.

Adopted by the following vote at the	meeting of the City Council on the
 _ day of, 2006, by the following vote:	
AYES:	
NOES:	
ABSENT:	
ABSTAIN:	
	TANKE A RODDIOVER
	JANE L. RODRIGUEZ
	City Clerk

Approved as to form:

SCOTT D. RASMUSSEN Assistant City Attorney



