

Agenda Report

TO: CITY COUNCIL

DATE: July 16, 2007

FROM: CITY MANAGER

SUBJECT: ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION SETTING A DATE FOR PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER THE ESTABLISHMENT OF UNDERGROUND UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 07-1 WILSON AVENUE, CALIFORNIA BOULEVARD TO ARDEN ROAD

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the City Council adopt a resolution setting a date for a public hearing to consider the establishment of Underground Utility District No. 07-1, Wilson Avenue, California Boulevard to Arden Road on August 6, 2007.

BACKGROUND

The City has a continuing program to underground all overhead utility systems, specifically power and communication. The underground of overhead systems will improve the system reliability and enhance the aesthetic quality of the area by removal of unsightly utility poles and overhead wires. Although the affected utilities are currently in the design phase for the undergrounding system, an established underground utility district is necessary to require the affected property owners to convert their private properties to underground.

A finding of compliance with the General Plan was previously made and this project is shown in the adopted Fiscal Year 2008-2012 Capital Improvement Program. It is recommended that the City proceed with formation of this underground district.

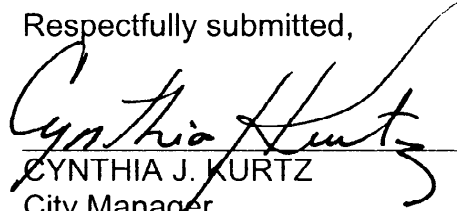
The initial step in the creation of an Underground Utility District is for the City Council to conduct a public hearing to ascertain whether or not the change from an overhead to an underground electric system is in the public interest. Detailed information pertaining to the establishment of the district will be presented at the hearing. The City Clerk will notify all affected utilities and affected property owners of the time and place of the hearing.

A meeting consisting of City staff, public utilities, and affected property owners within the proposed district is scheduled for Tuesday, July 18, 2007 to permit property owners an opportunity to discuss matters pertaining to the proposed utility district and be fully informed of their responsibility under Chapter 13.14 of the Pasadena Municipal Code entitled Underground Utility Districts.

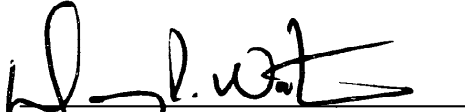
FISCAL IMPACT

Funding for Underground Utility District 07-1 is available in the Underground Surtax Fund as part of the City's adopted Fiscal Year 2008-2012 Capital Improvement Program, Street Lighting and Electric System Undergrounding, Wilson Avenue, California Boulevard to Arden Road under Budget Account Number 74800.

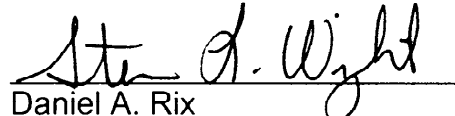
Respectfully submitted,


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RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PASADENA CALLING A PUBLIC HEARING TO DETERMINE WHETHER PUBLIC NECESSITY, HEALTH, SAFETY, OR WELFARE REQUIRES THE FORMATION OF AN UNDERGROUND UTILITY DISTRICT ON WILSON AVENUE FROM CALIFORNIA BOULEVARD TO ARDEN ROAD

WHEREAS, Chapter 13.14 of the Pasadena Municipal Code establishes a procedure for the creation of underground utility districts and requires as the initial step in each procedure the holding of a public hearing to ascertain whether public necessity, health, safety, or welfare requires the removal of poles, overhead wires and associated overhead structures and the underground installation of wires and facilities for supplying electric, communications, or similar or associated service in any such district; and

WHEREAS, it has been recommended by the Public Works Department that such an underground utility district, hereinafter called "District" be formed on Wilson Avenue from California Boulevard to Arden Road to include portions of the following described tracts: Live Oak Tract Miscellaneous Record 60, Page 91; Arden Road Tract Map Book 12, Page 30; Arden Oaks Miscellaneous Record 37, Page 91; Arden Road Tract Map Book 12, Page 30; and Portion of B.D. Wilson Homestead Property in San Pasqual Rancho Miscellaneous Record 3, Page 495; 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.

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

1. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a public hearing will be held by the City Council of the City of Pasadena on August 6, 2007 at 8:00 p.m. in Room 247, the Council Chamber of the City Hall, located at 100 N. Garfield Avenue, Pasadena, California, to ascertain whether the public necessity health, safety, or welfare requires the removal of poles, overhead wires and associated overhead structures and the underground installation of wires and facilities for supplying electric,

communications, or similar associated service in the District hereinabove described.

2. Such hearing shall be open to the public and all interested persons may appear whether in person or by agent and shall be heard. Said hearing may be continued from time to time as may be determined by the City Council.

3. The City Clerk shall notify all affected utilities and affected property owners, as shown on the real property records of the County Assessor, Tax and License Collector, of the time and place of such hearing by mailing a copy of this resolution and a cover letter prepared by the Public Works Department, to such utilities and property owners at least 10 days prior to the date thereof.

4. The area proposed to be included in the District is shown upon the attached Exhibit A, City of Pasadena Public Works Department Drawing No. 5730 entitled "Underground Utility District No. 07-1, Wilson Avenue, California Boulevard to Arden Road, a copy of which hereby is filed in the office of the City Clerk of the City of Pasadena.

Adopted by the _____ meeting of the City Council on the _____ day of, _____ 2007, by the following vote:

AYES:


NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

JANE L. RODRIGUEZ
City Clerk

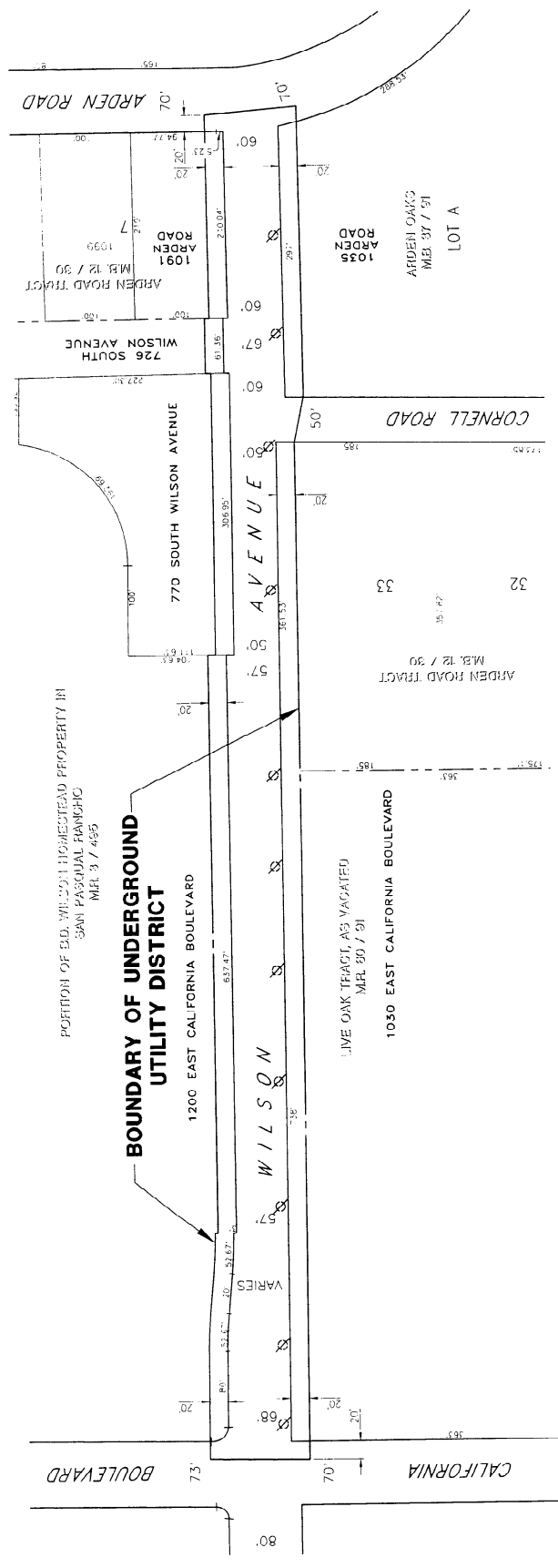
Approved as to form:


SCOTT D. RASMUSSEN
Assistant City Attorney

SUBMITTED



EXHIBIT "A"



Underground Utility District 07-1 Pursuant to Pasadena Municipal Code - Chapter 13.14

WATER & POWER DEPARTMENT		PROJECT ENGINEER		DRAWN BY		REVISIONS		CITY OF PASADENA - DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS	
DATE	DATE	DATE	DATE	DATE	DATE	DESCRIPTION	BY	DATE APPROVED	PROJECT
									WILSON AVENUE UNDERGROUND UTILITY DISTRICT
FIELD BOOK NO.	NO.	DATE	DATE	DATE	DATE	CONSTRUCTION COMPLETED	AS SHOWN	AS SHOWN	CALIFORNIA BOULEVARD TO ARDEN ROAD
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