

Agenda Report

DATE: August 9, 2010

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council

THROUGH: Municipal Services Committee (July 27, 2010)

FROM: Department of Public Works

SUBJECT: ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION SETTING A DATE FOR PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER THE ESTABLISHMENT OF UNDERGROUND UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 10-1 MOUNTAIN STREET, LAKE AVENUE TO HILL AVENUE

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council adopt a resolution setting a date for a public hearing on September 13, 2010 to consider the establishment of Underground Utility District No. 10-1, Mountain Street, Lake Avenue to Hill Avenue.

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. This proposed project is approved as Priority Number 7 in accordance with the City's underground priority.

In accordance with PMC, Chapter 13.14, an established underground utility district is necessary to require the affected property owners to convert their private properties from overhead to underground. The initial step in the creation of an Underground Utility District requires 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.

As part of the Public Hearing process, the City Clerk will notify all affected utilities and property owners of the time and place of the hearing. City staff and all affected public utilities will conduct an informational meeting consisting of all affected customers within the proposed district boundary to answer questions and provide additional information pertaining to the proposed project. All affected property owners will be fully informed of their responsibility under Chapter 13.14 of the Pasadena Municipal Code entitled Underground Utility Districts.

COUNCIL POLICY CONSIDERATION:

The project is consistent with the City Council's Goal to Improve, Maintain and Enhance Public Facilities and Infrastructure. Underground Utility Districts are designed to enhance the aesthetic quality of the streetscape by removing unsightly utility poles and overhead wires and was adopted in the FY 2011-2015 Capital Improvement Program, Street Lighting and Electric System Undergrounding Section.

ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS:

The City's Environmental Administrator has determined 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).

FISCAL IMPACT:

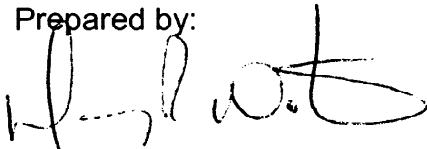
Sufficient funds in the form of Underground Surtax are available as part of the City's adopted Fiscal Year 2011-2015 Capital Improvement Program, *Street Lighting and Electric System Undergrounding, Mountain Street, Lake Avenue to Hill Avenue, Budget Account Number 74909.*

Respectfully submitted,



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City Manager

RESOLUTION NO. _____

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 UNDERGROUND UTILITY DISTRICT ON 10-1 ON MOUNTAIN STREET, LAKE AVENUE TO HILL AVENUE

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 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 Mountain Street, Lake Avenue to Hill Avenue to include portions of the following described tracts: Parcel Map, Recorded in Parcel Map 154 Page 97-98, N.R. Hooper and Bro's Subdivision, Recorded in Miscellaneous Records 19, Page 88, Tract No. 5968, Recorded in Map Book 82 Page 90, J.D. Yocum's Subdivision of a part of the Grogan Tract, Recorded in Miscellaneous Records 9 Page 37, Fleck Track, Recorded in Map Book 37, Page 100, Crawford and Smith Tract, Recorded in Map Book 8, Page 129, Tract No. 793, Recorded in Map Book 16, page 60, Grogan Tract, Unrecorded Map 183, Lakewood, Recorded in Map Book 8 Page 26, Frank C. Platt Company's Orange Villa Tract, Recorded in Map Book 5, Page 150, Orange Villa Extension Tract, Recorded in Map Book 10, Page 34, Twin Oaks Tract, Recorded in Map Book 9, Page 62, El Dorado Tract, Recorded in Map Book 11, Page 1, Tract No. 1945, Map Book 24, Page 12, Map Book 39, Page 71, Lennox Tact, Recorded in Map Book 8, Page 192, Calvin Thornton Subdivision, Recorded in Miscellaneous Records 22, Page 19, Sutton Villa, Recorded in Map Book 16, Page 61; 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 September 13, 2010 at 7:30 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 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. 5860 entitled "Underground Utility District No. 10-1 Mountain Street, Lake Avenue to Hill Avenue, 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, _____ 2010, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

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MARK JOMSKY
City Clerk

Approved as to form:


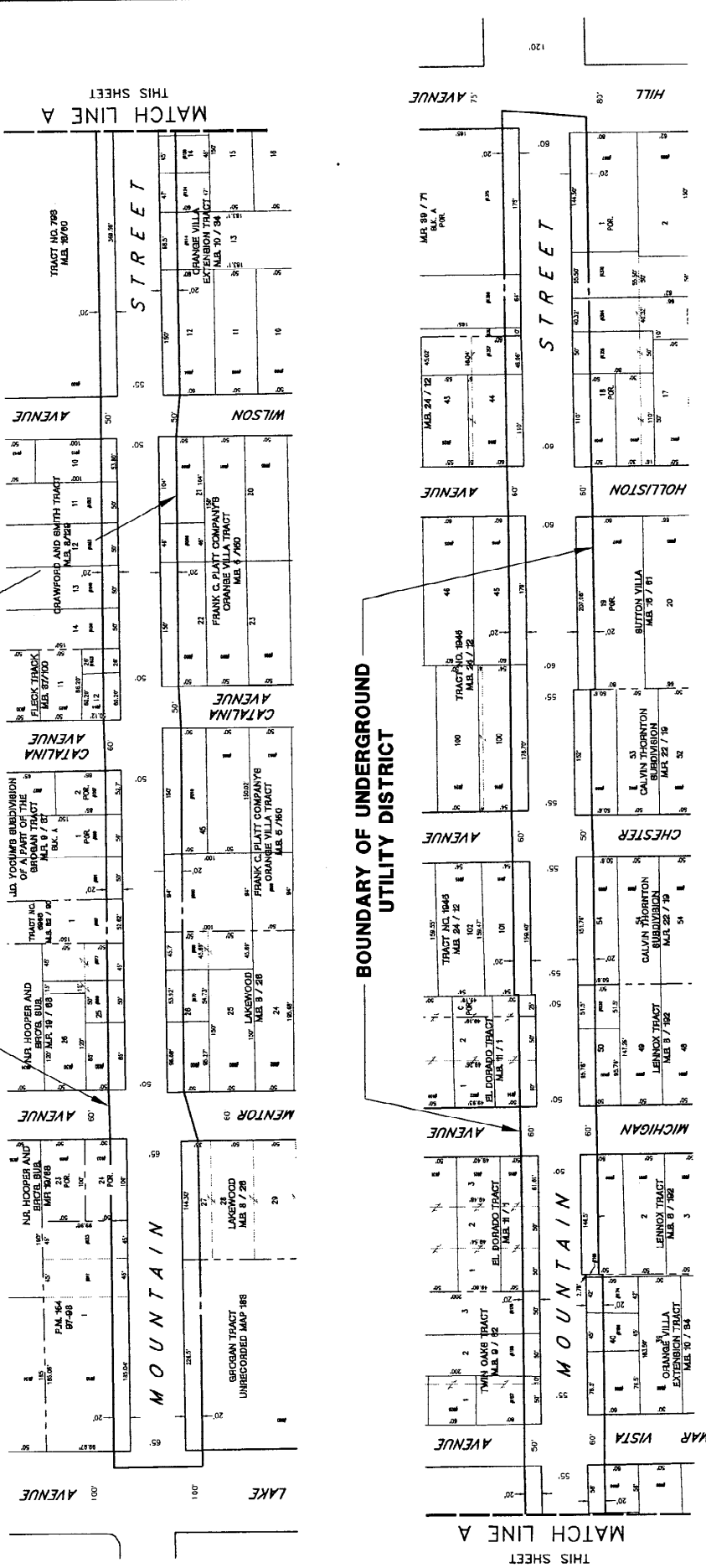

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EXHIBIT "A"



SUBMITTED

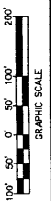
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Underground Utility District 10-1 Pursuant to Pasadena Municipal Code - Chapter 13.14

PROJECT		MOUNTAIN STREET UNDERGROUND UTILITY DISTRICT FROM LAKE AVENUE TO HILL AVENUE	
DATE		NO. DATE	
PROJECT ENGINEER		DRAWN BY	
DATE		M. TELMANN	
PLATE & REVISION NUMBER		CHECKED BY	
NO.		B. HOPKINS	
DATE		INSPECTED BY	
NO.		D. WOOTEN	
FIELD BOOK NO.		REVISIONS	
NO.		REV. DATE DESCRIPTION	
NO.		BY DATE APPROVED	



SHEET 1 OF 1
DWC NO. 5860
SCALE AS SHOWN
PROJECT NUMBER 74430