

# Agenda Report

TO: CITY COUNCIL

DATE: October 25, 2004

FROM: CITY MANAGER

SUBJECT: Adoption of a Resolution to Establish Underground Utility District No. 04-2 Hill Avenue (Villa 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. 04-2, Hill Avenue from Villa 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 communication and power lines. The undergrounding of overhead electric systems improves system reliability, and the aesthetic quality of an area is enhanced 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 system in the area from Villa 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) 2005 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 October 20, 2004 to discuss the 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:

Pasadena Water and Power, SBC, AT&T Solutions, Altrio (Champion), and Charter Communications will be installing new underground facilities in order to maintain their existing services. All public utilities will enter into a joint trench agreement, in which all utilities will share in the space and cost of the trench.

After the installation of conduits, cables, transformers and other facilities, the affected property owners must install conduits from their property line at the sidewalk to their existing meter or designated service point. The cost of the work ranges from \$2,000 to \$5,000, in which the City will reimburse each property owner up to \$2,000 or the lesser actual cost of the work to underground private power facilities.

Removal of poles and overhead wires will take place after all customers are connected to the underground system. This project includes the installation of a new street lighting system and is scheduled to begin construction in FY 2006.

#### STATISTICS:

<ul> <li>Total number of properties within proposed utility district:</li> </ul>	207
Properties with overhead services required to convert:	67
<ul> <li>Total number of poles to be removed:</li> </ul>	60
<ul> <li>Total number of miles within proposed utility district:</li> </ul>	1.4

#### CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULE:

•	Construction of electric and telephone conduits:	March 2006	
•	Installation of transformers and cables: (electric, telephone and cable	) June 2006	
•	Date by which customers must be connected to underground	June 2007	
•	Removal of poles on or before:	December 2007	

#### ESTIMATED UTLITITY COST

•	Electric Underground System (Surtax Fund)	\$3,900,000
•	Street Lighting System	\$1,055,000

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FISCAL IMPACT:

Funds for the proposed Underground Utility District 04-2 are provided by the Underground Surtax Fund as part of the City's adopted fiscal year (FY) 2005 Capital Improvement Program under Budget Account Number 74488, Hill Avenue, Electric System Undergrounding; Villa Street to North City Limits.

Respectfully submitted,

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#### RESOLUTION NO.

## RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING THE FORMATION OF UNDERGROUND UTILITY DISTRICT 04-2 ON HILL AVENUE FROM VILLA STREET TO NORTH CITY LIMITS.

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 8398, a public hearing was called for October 25, 2004 at the hour of 8:00 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:

Clarke Place Tract as recorded in Map Book 8, Page 153; Tract No. 44587 as recorded in Map Book 1090, Page 18-19; Pasadena Heights Tract, Block 48 as recorded in Map Book 8, Page 82; Pasadena Heights Tract, Block 35 as recorded in Maps Book 8, Page 82; Pasadena Heights Tract, Block 33 as recorded in Map Book 8, Page 82; Tract No. 172 as recorded in Map Book 13, Page 161; Pasadena Heights Tract, Block 47 as recorded in Map Book 8, Page 82; Pasadena Heights Tract, Block 22 as recorded in Map Book 8, Page 82; Sutton Villa Tract as recorded in Map Book 16, Page 61; Pasadena Heights Tract, Block 11 as recorded in Map Book 8, Page 82; Pasadena Heights Tract, Block 10 as recorded in Map Book 8, Page 82; Tract No. 1088 as recorded in Map Book 17, Page 96; R. Williams Replat of the Alpine Tract, Block A as recorded in Miscellaneous Record Book 39, Page 71; Nazarene University Park Tract as recorded in Map Book 17, Pages 19-19; Tract No. 1945 as recorded in Map Book 24, Page 12; Nazarene University Park. Block 9 as recorded in Map Book 17, Pages 18-19; Tract No. 2417 as recorded in Map Book 23, Page 32; Nazarene University Park Tract, Block 2 as recorded in Map Book 17, Pages 19-19; Tract No. 6667 as recorded in Map Book 68, Page 46; Parcel Map as recorded in Book 6, Page 24; Tract No. 5064 as recorded in Map Book 53, Page 86; Tract No. 5204 as recorded in Map Book 57, Page 42; Tract No. 1345 as recorded in Map Book 18, Page 134135; 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. 04-2 of the City of Pasadena. Attached hereto, marked "Exhibit A", and hereby incorporated as a part of this Resolution, is a map (Public Works Department Drawing No. 5338, sheet 1 of 1) 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. 04-2 on or before, June 30, 2007.

3. The City Clerk hereby is directed to notify all affected utilities and all persons owning real property within Underground Utility District No. 04-2 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, 2004, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES: None

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

JANE L. RODRIGUEZ City Clerk

Approved as to form:

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