

City of Tacoma

TO:

T.C. Broadnax, City Manager

FROM:

Phyllis Macleod, Hearing Examiner

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City Council and City Clerk

SUBJECT:

Ordinance 13-0079 - Confirm and Approve Assessment Roll for Local Improvement

District No. 7729 - City Council Meeting September 24, 2013

DATE:

September 6, 2013

SUMMARY:

Confirming and approving the Assessment Roll for Local Improvement District (L.I.D.) No. 7729.

BACKGROUND:

On June 7, 2011, the Tacoma City Council adopted Ordinance No. 27993, which provided for the creation of L.I.D. No. 7729. Ordinance No. 27993 called for the installation of underground primary electrical distribution, utilities, telephone, and cable TV lines within a utility easement parallel with the northerly lot line of Parcel A and Parcel B Boundary Line Adjustment MPD 2009-40000137475, recorded under Pierce County Auditor's Fee Number 2010-05-11-500 and also along the westerly lot line of Parcel A, together with all other work necessary to complete the project in accordance with maps, plans, and specifications prepared and on file in the Office of the Director of Public Works.

The Assessment Roll for L.I.D. No. 7729 was filed in the Office of the City Clerk on May 24, 2013, and a public hearing on the Assessment Roll was held on August 20, 2013. Ralph Rodriguez, L.I.D. Administrator for the City's Department of Public Works, testified that the improvements have been completed in accordance with the plans and specifications for such work and that a zone & termini formula was used to estimate the local improvement district assessment. The final rate per Assessable Unit of Frontage (AUF) is \$781.96 compared to the estimated AUF of \$788.30. The final project cost is \$233,110.70 compared to the estimated project cost of \$235,000. The LeMay Museum will bear the entire cost of the improvements constructed under L.I.D. No. 7729 because it owns the property solely benefited by the local improvement. This is a 10-year Assessment Roll.

ISSUE:

The improvements have been constructed, the final project costs are known, the final assessments are determined, and a hearing on the final assessments has been conducted. The assessment roll hearing provided the property owner the opportunity to present relevant information to contest its local improvement district assessment. Having considered the evidence presented and applying the laws and policies governing local improvement districts, the Hearing Examiner recommends the assessment roll be confirmed and approved. In accordance with state law and the Tacoma Municipal Code governing local improvement districts, confirmation of the final assessments is the last step in the local improvement district process.

ALTERNATIVES:

Adoption of Ordinance No. 27993, that created L.I.D. No. 7729, directed the City to complete the project in accordance with the maps, plans, and specifications prepared by the office of the Director of the Department of Public Utilities. The confirmation and approval of the final assessment roll allows the City to reimburse itself by property local improvement district assessments.



RECOMMENDATION:

The Hearing Examiner finds that the Assessment Roll for Local Improvement District No. 7729 conforms to applicable legal requirements and recommends that the City Council adopt an ordinance assessing the property for benefits conferred under L.I.D. No. 7729, and further recommends that the Assessment Roll for L.I.D. No. 7729 be confirmed and approved.

FISCAL IMPACT:

EXPENDITURES:

FUND NUMBER & FUND NAME *	COST OBJECT (CC/WBS/ORDER)	COST ELEMENT	TOTAL AMOUNT
4700, Power Current Fund Capital	PWR-00606		\$233,110.70
TOTAL			\$233,110.70

^{*} General Fund: Include Department

REVENUES:

FUNDING SOURCE	COST OBJECT (CC/WBS/ORDER)	COST ELEMENT	TOTAL AMOUNT
4700, Power Current Fund Capital	PWR-00606-01	6371100	\$233,110.70
TOTAL			\$233,110.70

POTENTIAL POSITION IMPACT:

Position Title	PERMANENT/ PROJECT TEMPORARY POSITION	FTE IMPACT	POSITION END DATE
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
TOTAL			

FISCAL IMPACT TO CURRENT BIENNIAL BUDGET: None

ARE THE EXPENDITURES AND REVENUES PLANNED AND BUDGETED? Yes

IF EXPENSE IS NOT BUDGETED, PLEASE EXPLAIN HOW THEY ARE TO BE COVERED.