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SUBJECT: Resolution to set a date for public hearing to reestablish the Downtown Business Improvement Area – January 23, 2018
DATE: January 5, 2018

SUMMARY:

Setting the date of February 20, 2018, for a public hearing on the topic of renewing and establishing the downtown Business Improvement Area (BIA) as authorized under RCW 35.87A, for a ten year period, May 1, 2018 through April 30, 2028, as petitioned by a majority of the ratepayers.

STRATEGIC POLICY PRIORITY:

- Foster neighborhood, community, and economic development vitality and sustainability.

BACKGROUND:

On April 5, 1988 upon presentation of a petition from downtown property owners representing 50% or more of the property assessments the City Council established a BIA by Ordinance No. 24058 for a period of ten years. The BIA was renewed for a period of an additional ten years in 1998 (Ordinance No. 26205) and again in 2008 (Ordinance No. 27696.)

Petitioners have again requested reestablishment of the BIA for another ten years through April 30, 2028 for the purposes of providing enhanced security, maintaining and enhancing the appearance of common areas, providing professional management, planning and promotion, and similar programs and services. This request is to set the date for the public hearing associated with the ten-year renewal and establishment.

ISSUE:

On October 31, 2017 the City received a petition to renew and establish the Downtown Business Improvement Area. The petition received 76.1% support, far above the majority required. This Resolution setting the date for the public hearing on this subject is the first step required in the establishment process.

ALTERNATIVES:

If the Resolution is not adopted, the public hearing would not be held.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends Council adoption of the Resolution setting the public hearing date for the renewal and establishment of the Downtown Business Improvement Area.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact for setting a public hearing.