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SUBJECT: Resolution to set date for public hearing to continue the Downtown Business
Improvement Area – March 5, 2019
DATE: February 22, 2019

SUMMARY:

A resolution setting the date of March 26, 2019, for a public hearing on the topic changing the assessment rates and approving the 32nd year (May 1, 2019 - April 30, 2020), of the BIA work Plan and Budget.

STRATEGIC POLICY PRIORITY:

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

BACKGROUND:

The BIA was established in April 1988 and continued by Ordinance for three more ten year periods in 1998 (Ordinance No. 26205), 2008 (Ordinance No. 27696) and 2018 (Ordinance No. 28496). The purpose of the BIA has been to provide additional security, maintenance and marketing services for Tacoma's primary commercial area.

ISSUE:

On February 28, 2019 the BIA will hold its annual rate holders meeting where the 2019-2020 Work Plan, Budget and Assessment rates will be voted upon. This approved Plan, Budget and Assessment rate will be subject of the public hearing set by this resolution.

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.