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COPY: City Council and City Clerk
SUBJECT: Resolution – Setting a Hearing Date for LID 7731 – June 22, 2019
DATE: May 30, 2019

SUMMARY:

Setting Monday, July 22, 2019, at 5:00 p.m., as the date and time for a hearing by the Hearing Examiner for consideration of Local Improvement District (LID) 7731 for the conversion of the overhead primary electrical distribution, telephone and cable television systems to underground along:

Waterview Street from North 49th Street southeasterly 4,400 feet, more or less, also along Dale Street from Waterview Street southwesterly 100 feet, more or less.

STRATEGIC POLICY PRIORITY:

- Assure outstanding stewardship of the natural and built environment.
- Encourage and promote an efficient and effective government, which is fiscally sustainable and guided by engaged residents.

BACKGROUND:

Property owners requested and circulated Advisory Survey No. 8596 for the conversion of the overhead primary electrical distribution, telephone and cable television systems to underground along: Waterview Street from North 49th Street southeasterly 4,400 feet, more or less, and along Dale Street from Waterview Street southwesterly 100 feet, more or less. The Advisory Survey is supported by owners responsible for 52.1% of the estimated assessments. The LID would provide owners the opportunity to finance the improvement over 20-years.

ISSUE:

Per RCW 35.43.140, TMC 10.04.026 and LID Policy adopted by Resolution No. 37956, Tacoma Power is requesting the City Council set a date to consider the creation of LID 7731 by the Hearing Examiner who will report the findings of fact, conclusion of law, and submit a recommendation to the City Council for their consideration. Advisory Survey No. 8596 was submitted to the Public Works department staff who has confirmed that a majority of the property owners have signed the advisory survey in support of the proposed Local Improvement District. Tacoma Power is requesting the City Council set a hearing date to start the formal LID process to determine whether the LID should be created. The advisory survey is supported by 52.1% of the owners included within the assessment district. The formation hearing is part of the normal procedures per RCW and the TMC. To not schedule a formation hearing would be a departure from the adopted City Council LID policy.

ALTERNATIVES:

The overhead utility lines could remain and continue to provide service to the residences and structures currently served.

RECOMMENDATION:

The City received Advisory Survey No. 8596 signed by 52.1% of the estimated assessments. Therefore, per LID policy Tacoma Power is requesting the City Council set time and date for the formation hearing.