



**CITY OF GREAT FALLS
COMMISSION AGENDA REPORT**

Item: Resolution 10085 to Levy and Assess Properties within Special Improvement Lighting Districts

From: Judy Burg, Taxes and Assessments

Initiated By: Annual Assessment Process

Presented By: Melissa Kinzler, Fiscal Services Director

Action Requested: City Commission conduct public hearing and adopt Resolution 10085

Public Hearing:

1. Mayor conducts public hearing, calling three times each for proponents and opponents.
2. Mayor closes public hearing and asks the will of the Commission.

Suggested Motion:

1. Commissioner moves:

“I move the City Commission (adopt/deny) Resolution 10085.”

2. Mayor calls for a second, discussion, and calls for the vote.
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Staff Recommendation: Staff recommends the City Commission adopt Resolution 10085 to levy and assess properties within the Special Improvement Lighting Districts.

Background: There are currently 26 Special Improvement Lighting Districts (SLD's) with approximately 9,420 roadway lights, lighting over 70% of the city. The majority, approximately 97%, of the roadway lights are owned by Northwestern Energy. The City pays a maintenance and operational fee to Northwestern Energy for the lights in addition to a fee which covers the electrical supply and distribution. The remaining 3% of roadway lighting is City-owned. The Special Improvement Lighting District funds are administered by the Fiscal Services Department. The purpose of the fund is to maintain the light poles and furnish electrical current for the lighting districts throughout the year. After determining financial factors pertinent to the operation of the special improvement lighting districts, an assessment amount for the next fiscal year is calculated, budgeted and presented to the City Commissioners for approval.

As part of the annual budget development and adoption procedures, the Special Improvement Lighting Districts Assessment Resolution must be submitted for City Commission action. On

August 5, 2014, the City Commission set the public hearing and notice which is required prior to final passage of the assessment resolution.

Concurrences: Fiscal Services staff is responsible for the operational expenses, along with assessing and collecting the revenues; Public Works is responsible for the maintenance of all City-owned lighting districts.

Fiscal Impact: Adoption of Resolution 10085 will allow the City to fund the operational and maintenance costs required to be made each year in the Special Improvement Lighting Districts.

ASSESSMENT ANTICIPATED

The anticipated assessment amount for the Special Improvement Lighting District funds for Fiscal Year 2015 is \$1,547,428. After review of the budget and the estimated assessment for Fiscal Year 2015, the majority of the assessment amounts were adjusted to reflect the same assessment as last year. Special Lighting District 1269 was increased by 12% to compensate for the deficit in its cash balance from the prior fiscal year and some lighting districts assessments were reduced as their cash balance from the prior fiscal year was more than adequate to cover the operational costs for those districts. The total assessment amount was decreased by 21.7% from Fiscal Year 2014.

<u>BUDGETED</u> <u>TOTAL ASSESSMENT</u>	<u>FISCAL YEAR</u>
\$1,595,981	10/11 (26 Districts)
\$1,766,640	11/12 (26 Districts)
\$1,955,853	12/13 (26 Districts)
\$1,976,427	13/14 (26 Districts)
\$1,547,428	14/15 (26 Districts)

Fiscal Year 2015 assessment per district is indicated on the Special Improvement Lighting District Cost Assessment Projection Sheet attached as Exhibit "A" and made a part of Resolution 10085.

Alternatives: The City Commission could choose to deny the adoption of Resolution 10085; however, the reduction in services to the community could be hazardous to the safety and welfare of the general public.

Attachments/Exhibits: Resolution 10085
Exhibit "A" Special Improvement Lighting District Cost Assessment Projection Sheet
Special Improvement Lighting District's Boundary Map

RESOLUTION NO. 10085

A RESOLUTION LEVYING AND ASSESSING THE COST OF MAINTAINING SPECIAL IMPROVEMENT LIGHTING DISTRICTS (SLD'S) NUMBERED 18, 650, 651, 912, 973, 1067A, 1105, 1230, 1255, 1261, 1269, 1270, 1289, 1290, 1294, 1295, 1296, 1297, 1298, 1302, 1303, 1304, 1305, 1306, 1308 AND 1310 IN THE CITY OF GREAT FALLS, MONTANA, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2014 AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2015

WHEREAS, the City Commission declares that the above-captioned Special Improvement Lighting Districts were created, lighting systems installed and that the City intends to continue maintenance of such lighting systems in said SLD's; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission declares that each lot or parcel of land contained in each of said SLD's will continue to be benefited by such lighting in the same manner as determined in the creation of each Special Improvement Lighting District; and

WHEREAS, on July 15, 2014, the City Commission adopted Resolution 10080, Annual Budget Resolution. The budgeted amounts for maintenance of the City's lighting systems were reviewed and adjusted. The assessment amount for Special Improvement Lighting District No. 1269 was increased to compensate for the deficit in its cash balance from the prior fiscal year. The assessment amounts for Special Improvement Lighting District Nos. 650, 1296, 1298 and 1304 were reduced due to cash balances being more than adequate to cover the operational costs associated with those districts. The newly adjusted assessment amount totals ONE MILLION FIVE HUNDRED FORTY-SEVEN THOUSAND FOUR HUNDRED TWENTY-EIGHT DOLLARS (\$1,547,428); and

WHEREAS, in accordance with § 7-1-4127, MCA, notice was published setting forth that Resolution No. 10085 Levying and Assessing the Cost of Maintaining Special Improvement Lighting Districts (SLD's) Nos. 18, 650, 651, 912, 973, 1067A, 1105, 1230, 1255, 1261, 1269, 1270, 1289, 1290, 1294, 1295, 1296, 1297, 1298, 1302, 1303, 1304, 1305, 1306, 1308 and 1310 in the City of Great Falls, Montana, would be brought before the Great Falls City Commission for public hearing on September 16, 2014.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF GREAT FALLS, MONTANA, that:

Section 1 – Maintenance Costs Assessed

The cost of maintenance for said lighting systems in the above-captioned SLD's totaling \$1,547,428 be levied and assessed upon the properties in said SLD's.

Section 2 – Assessment Method

Each lot and parcel within each SLD is hereby assessed a proportion of the maintenance costs

attributed to the SLD in the proportion to which its assessable area (individual square feet) bears to the area of the whole special improvement lighting district (total square feet), exclusive of streets, avenues, alleys and public places. An assessment projection summary of each district, describing total cost, is attached hereto and, by this reference, incorporated herein as if fully set forth. The description of each lot or parcel of land within each SLD and the respective assessments are set forth in the records of the Fiscal Services Department of the City of Great Falls, Montana and by this reference is also incorporated herein as if fully set forth.

Section 3 – Assessment Due Date

Assessments are payable in two payments and will become delinquent at 5:00 o'clock p.m. on November 30, 2014 and May 31, 2015.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Commission of the City of Great Falls, Montana, this 16th day of September, 2014.

Michael J. Winters, Mayor

ATTEST:

Lisa Kunz, City Clerk

(Seal of the City)

APPROVED FOR LEGAL CONTENT:

Sara R. Sexe, City Attorney

**SPECIAL IMPROVEMENT LIGHTING DISTRICTS MAINTENANCE BUDGET & ASSESSMENT WORKSHEET
EXHIBIT "A"**











FY 2015

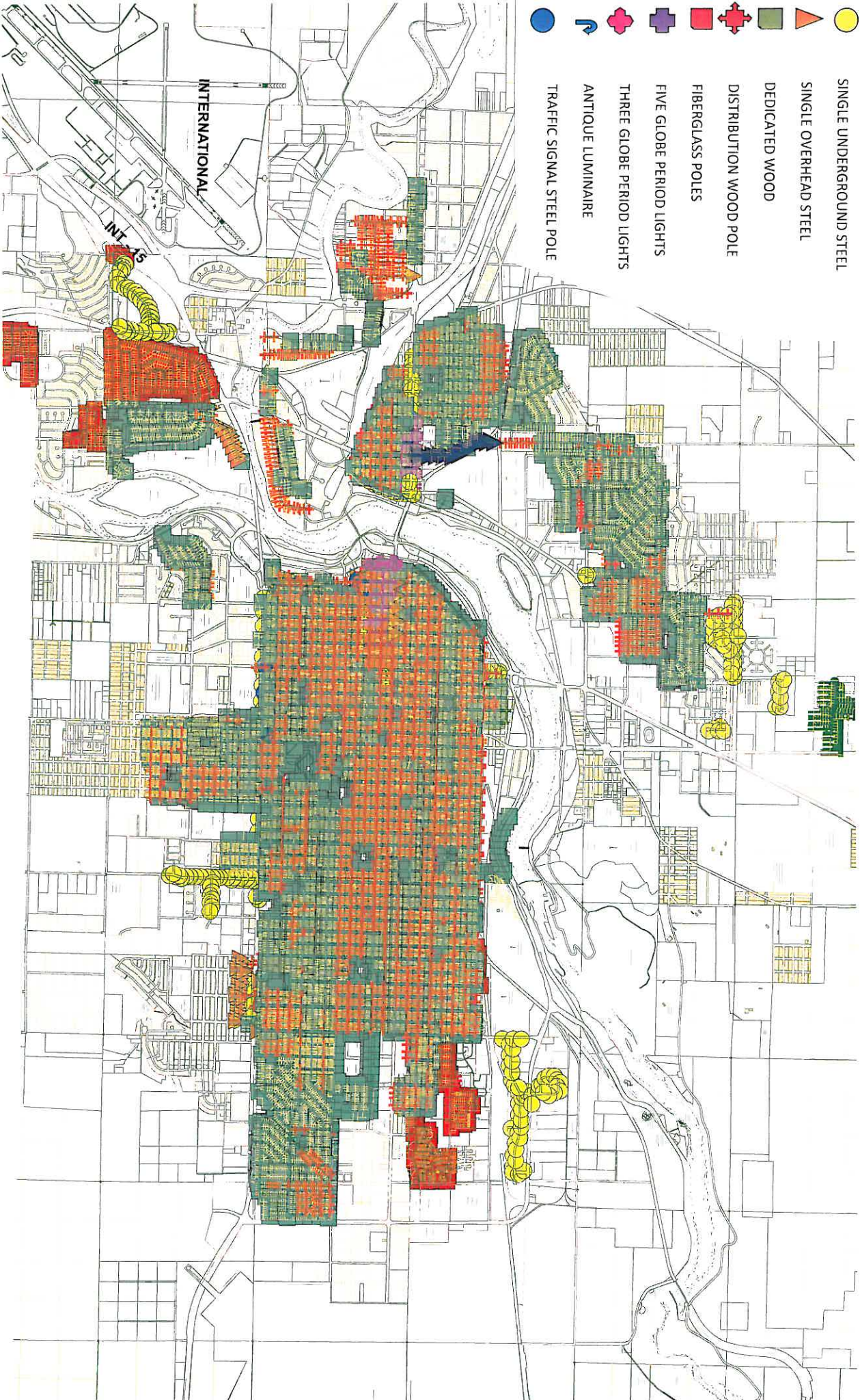
DISTRICT	DISTRICT TYPE	FUND	REQUESTED EXPENSES									2015 ASSESSMENT	2014 ASSESSMENT
			XXXX.00.104 43420	XXXX.00.104 45120	XXXX.00.104 48692	XXXX.00.104 48652	XXXX.31.536 42390	XXXX.31.536 43690	XXXX.31.536 48636	REQUESTED TOTAL EXPENSES			
			2015 PROJECTED BEGINNING CASH	0% REQUESTED UTILITY EXPENSE	OTHER MISC EXPENSES	MAPPING SERVICE	FISCAL SERVICE CHARGE	PUBLIC WORKS SUPPLIES & MATERIALS	PUBLIC WORKS OUTSIDE CONTRACTOR		PUBLIC WORKS INTERNAL MAINTENANCE		
18	STREET	8402	1,065	2,778	-	340	-	-	-	3,118	3,026	3,026	
650	PERIOD	8403	35,451	5,964	-	813	1,455	1,455	1,455	11,142	13,719	24,719	
651	STREET	8404	807	2,796	-	359	-	-	-	3,155	3,253	3,253	
912	STREET	8405	6,289	14,220	-	1,739	-	-	-	15,959	17,138	17,138	
973	STREET	8406	24,361	136	-	662	16	-	-	814	483	483	
1067A	ALLEY	8407	1,923	5,136	-	628	-	-	-	5,764	6,095	6,095	
1105	STREET	8408	2,553	4,044	-	495	-	-	-	4,539	4,513	4,513	
1230	STREET	8409	362	183	-	22	-	-	-	205	237	237	
1255	STREET	8410	739	367	-	45	-	-	-	412	483	483	
1261	PERIOD	8411	3,349	5,208	207	636	1,271	1,271	1,271	9,863	5,950	5,950	
1269	PERIOD	8412	(8,007)	16,888	691	2,108	4,120	4,120	4,120	32,048	65,168	58,168	
1270	PERIOD	8413	6,597	7,353	253	846	1,794	1,794	1,794	13,835	11,917	11,917	
1289	STREET	8414	6,853	14,147	-	1,730	-	-	-	15,877	18,549	18,549	
1290	STREET	8415	1,121	1,061	-	130	-	-	-	1,191	1,491	1,491	
1294	SLDA	8416	27,692	145,616	-	2,323	17,020	-	363	165,322	175,864	175,864	
1298	SLDI	8417	51,876	20,511	-	574	2,512	-	-	23,597	24,209	44,209	
1295	SLDC	8418	32,667	60,599	-	609	5,258	-	-	66,466	79,099	79,099	
1296	SLDR	8419	1,017,223	901,632	-	89,269	-	9,547	-	1,000,448	1,042,271	1,442,271	
1297	SLDT	8420	20,458	35,868	-	694	2,902	-	-	39,464	41,127	41,127	
1302	ML3	8430	13,996	200	-	73	49	49	49	419	7,510	7,510	
1304	EC1	8432	5,252	2,345	-	193	572	572	572	4,254	9,129	14,129	
1306	ML4	8434	4,348	200	-	23	49	49	49	369	1,836	1,836	
1308	ECII & III	8436	6,277	1,086	-	101	265	265	265	1,983	4,409	4,409	
1310	ML5	8438	4,402	839	-	83	205	205	205	1,537	3,383	3,383	
1303	Bootlegger	8440	6,557	438	-	54	107	107	107	812	3,878	3,878	
1305	Water Tower	8442	8,031	466	-	57	114	114	114	865	2,691	2,691	
ALL DIST	Fund 217	8401	5,313	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
			1,287,556	1,250,084	1,151	4,862	127,452	10,000	19,910	10,000	1,423,459	1,547,428	1,976,427

VARIOUS TYPES OF STREET LIGHT POLES

SPECIAL IMPROVEMENT LIGHTING DISTRICTS WITHIN THE CITY OF GREAT FALLS

FISCAL YEAR 2014/2015

-  STREET DEPARTMENT
-  SINGLE UNDERGROUND STEEL
-  SINGLE OVERHEAD STEEL
-  DEDICATED WOOD
-  DISTRIBUTION WOOD POLE
-  FIBERGLASS POLES
-  FIVE GLOBE PERIOD LIGHTS
-  THREE GLOBE PERIOD LIGHTS
-  ANTIQUE LUMINAIRE
-  TRAFFIC SIGNAL STEEL POLE



A MORE DETAILED AND LARGER VERSION OF THIS MAP IS AVAILABLE IN THE OFFICE OF FISCAL SERVICES