



**Council
Communication**
Office of the City Manager

Date

July 10, 2006

Agenda Item No. 62

Roll Call No. 06-

Communication No. 06-428

Submitted by: Larry Hulse, Community
Development Director

AGENDA HEADING:

Petition to establish the Linden Heights Historic Street Lighting Self-Supported Municipal Improvement District (SSMID).

SYNOPSIS:

Recommend to receive, file and refer the petition to the City Plan and Zoning Commission for preparation of an evaluative report on the merit and feasibility of establishment of the Linden Heights Historic Street Lighting SSMID project. This action requests the Plan and Zoning Commission to make recommendations with respect to establishment of the Linden Heights Historic Street Lighting SSMID project to the City Council for the August 7, 2006 regular City Council meeting.

FISCAL IMPACT: NONE

Amount:

Funding Source:

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

On June 14, 2006, the City Clerk received a petition to establish the Linden Heights Historic Street Lighting Self-Supported Municipal Improvement District. The stated purposes of the SSMID are the acquisition, installation, operation and maintenance of historic or decorative street lighting fixtures and related improvements within the proposed district, and for the payment of the costs of the improvements.

Pursuant to Iowa Code Section 386.3(3), "the City Council shall notify the city planning commission upon receipt of a petition. It shall be the duty of the city planning commission to make recommendations to the council in regard to the proposed district. The city planning commission shall, with due diligence, prepare an evaluative report for the council on the merit and feasibility of the project. The Council shall not hold its public hearings or take further action on the establishment of the district until it has received the report of the city planning commission. In addition to its report, the commission may, from time to time, recommend to the council amendments and changes relating to the project."

Staff has placed the proposed Linden Heights Historic Street Lighting SSMID on the agenda for the July 20, 2006 Plan and Zoning Commission meeting. It is anticipated that the evaluative report and recommendations of the Plan and Zoning Commission will be forwarded to the City Council for the August 7, 2006 regular meeting.

Staff is aware of some opposition to the proposed SSMID boundary. Percentages of support and/or opposition will be presented in the evaluative report from the Plan and Zoning Commission.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S): NONE

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BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S): NONE

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ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS:

Receive evaluative report and recommendations from the Plan and Zoning Commission on August 7, 2006, set hearing date for approval of the petition (tentatively scheduled for 9/11/2006) and direct that applicable notices be sent by certified mail. Hold hearing for approval of the petition (tentatively scheduled for 9/11/2006) and if approved, have first consideration of an ordinance to establish the SSMID (tentatively scheduled for 10/23/06).