



Roll Call Number

Agenda Item Number

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Date February 9, 2015

COMMUNICATION from the Highland Park SSMID Board regarding the recommended budget for the Highland Park Self-Supported Municipal Improvement District for the Fiscal Year commencing July 1, 2015.

MOVED by \_\_\_\_\_ to receive and file.

FORM APPROVED:

Roger K. Brown
Assistant City Attorney

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CERTIFICATE

I, DIANE RAUH, City Clerk of said City hereby certify that at a meeting of the City Council of said City of Des Moines, held on the above date, among other proceedings the above was adopted.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal the day and year first above written.

Mayor

City Clerk

February 4, 2015

Honorable Mayor and City Council  
City of Des Moines, Iowa

RE: FY 2016 Highland Park SSMID Budget and Levy

The Highland Park SSMID Board, which was created by City Council Roll Call No. 03-2401 to assist in the preparation of the annual SSMID budget and levy, held its annual meeting on January 26, 2015. The SSMID agreement requires the Parks Area Foundation to appoint a seven member board for fixed, staggered terms. The seven board members and their terms are outlined below.

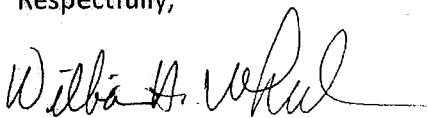
- Appointed – Theresa Agey and Samantha Evans, terms expire December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2017.
- Dr. Boyd Nordmark and Mike Harden, terms expire December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2016.
- Bill Wheeler (chairman), Phyllis Wheeler, and Ken Boatwright, terms expire December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2015.
  - Dr. Nordmark passed away in early January. A new board member will be appointed at the next meeting.

The Highland Park SSMID Board reviewed and discussed the financial report that was prepared by the Finance Department and presented by staff from the Community Development Department. Following this discussion the Highland Park SSMID Board approved a motion to recommend to the City Council that the Highland Park SSMID levy remain at \$1.75 per \$1,000 of taxable valuation for FY 2016.

In other business, the board discussed whether or not to continue with private maintenance of the flower pots throughout the district. The board was very satisfied with the plant material list from last year's installation and would like to see the contractor use the same or similar palate again. The board approved a motion to contract the flower planting again in 2015. Bids will be secured by City staff and sent to the board for review.

The board also discussed adding 14 new banners to the district this year. The new banners will be funded by a grant but the installation would be done utilizing SSMID funds. Streetlight maintenance is an ongoing issue. The custom streetlight poles and fixtures are not supported by MidAmerican Energy, instead they are owned and maintained by the district. City staff is looking into the potential of LED retrofit or possible full replacement to MidAmerican supported street lights. This report will be available in 2015. Lastly, the board would like to know if trash/litter removal from the right-of-way is an eligible use of SSMID funds. Staff will look into this and report back to the board.

Respectfully,



Bill Wheeler, Chairman  
Highland Park SSMID Board

cc: Highland Park SSMID Board Members  
Roger Brown, Assistant City Attorney  
Jennifer Dakovich, Principal Traffic Engineer  
Kyle Larson, Senior City Planner