

Memorandum



Date: November 15, 2016

To: Honorable Chairman Jean Monestime
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

From: Carlos A. Gimenez
Mayor

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Subject: Report Regarding Liberty Homes Street Lighting Improvement Special Taxing District –
Directive – 160325

Agenda Item No. 2B2

This report is provided pursuant to Resolution No. R-290-16 (copy attached) requesting the County Mayor or County Mayor's designee to prepare a report regarding the feasibility and cost of upgrading the streetlights serving the Liberty Homes Street Lighting Improvement Special Taxing District (District), known as L-81, located within District 1, represented by Commissioner Barbara J. Jordan.

The Liberty Homes Street Lighting Improvement Special Taxing District is currently comprised of 103 streetlights (see Exhibit A) with an intensity level of 6,300 lumens. In order to upgrade the streetlights to current Miami-Dade County Park, Recreation and Open Spaces Department (PROS) standards of 16,000 lumens, a rate increase is necessary. Based on preliminary estimates, the current annual assessment rate would increase from \$0.5189 per front foot to \$1.1287 per front foot for the first year. This rate increase includes Florida Power and Light (FPL) capital costs, as FPL is the owner of the lighting systems, first year service costs, and the cost to notify the District's residents. In the second year, the annual rate would then decrease to an estimated \$0.6865 per front foot.

As a result, an annual assessment based on a typical 75-foot lot would increase from \$38.92 to \$84.65 for the first year, a total increase of \$45.73 annually or \$3.81 monthly; and from \$38.92 to \$51.49 for the second year, a total increase of \$12.57 annually or \$1.05 monthly. As the rate increase is estimated to exceed 15 percent of the current annual rate, a Notice of Public Hearing must be mailed to the 507 property owners in the District, as required by Ordinance No. 02-12.

Attached is a revised assessment roll resolution for the Board's consideration and adoption in conjunction with this report. If adopted, this revised assessment roll will provide the monies to cover the expenses to accomplish the District's upgrade and will be collected on the 2017 tax roll. Subsequently, the Clerk's Office will provide the necessary materials to mail the Notice of Public Hearing to the District's 507 property owners and meet the Miami-Dade County Code's postmarked 15-day noticing requirement, essentially 21 days prior to the public hearing. Additionally, residents were briefed on the lighting upgrade during several informal meeting sessions over the past year. The final meeting occurred on September 1, 2016. All owners in the district were notified of the September 1, 2016 meeting.

Based upon the findings and facts contained herein, I recommend upgrading the street lighting system within the Liberty Homes Street Lighting Improvement Special Taxing District pursuant to Ordinance 02-12. Upgrading the street lighting facilities within this District would be of special

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benefit to all properties within the District and the total amount of special assessments to be levied, including the amounts necessary to pay for the upgraded facilities will not be in excess of such special benefit. I also recommend that this item be placed on the Board's agenda for public hearing for the consideration and adoption of the revised assessment roll, in accordance with the provisions of Section 18-14 of the Code of Miami-Dade County, reflecting the costs associated with the street lighting upgrade.

Per Ordinance 14-65, which requires reports prepared at the request of the Board of County Commissioners (Board) be presented to the Board, this memorandum will be placed on the next available Board meeting agenda.

c: Honorable Harvey Ruvlin, Clerk, Clerk of the Board
Abigail Price-Williams, County Attorney
Edward Marquez, Deputy Mayor and Finance Director
Michael Spring, Office of the Mayor
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