



Legislation Text

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1. BACKGROUND

This ordinance declares City Council's determination that the City to proceed with the construction of streetscape improvements along North High Street from Convention Center Way to Goodale Boulevard in the Short North area of Columbus, known as the Short North SID - High Street Improvements Phase 1 project (the "Project"), a portion of which will be funded by levying Special Assessments on the Benefitted Parcels within the Project limits described in the Petition attached to Resolution No. 0091X-2017.

Resolution 0091X-2017 was passed by Council on May 1, 2017, declaring the necessity to construct and approve plans, specifications, estimates and profiles for the Short North SID - High Street Improvements Phase 1, as required by Section 166 of the City Charter for purposes of establishing the method of assessment, the mode of payment, the number of annual installments, and the portion of the cost to be borne by the City.

The Special Assessments will be collected over 20 years in an amount estimated to be \$1,133,672.45, which is \$26,935.17 less than stated in the assessment report included in Resolution 0091X-2017 due to updates made to building and parcel areas.

The total estimated cost for design, construction, and inspection of the improvements is \$3,715,957.78 as follows: \$256,856.00 for design; \$3,144,637.98 for construction; and \$314,463.80 for inspection.

The City has issued individual notices to each property owner informing them of their estimated assessment in accordance with Section 170 of the City Charter. Property owners were notified by certified mail sent on May 17, 2017. Public notices were published in the City Bulletin on May 27, 2017, and June 3, 2017. There were no objections received for the Short North SID - High Street Improvements Phase 1 project Special Assessments.

2. FISCAL IMPACT

No funding is required for this ordinance.

3. EMERGENCY DESIGNATION

Emergency legislation is requested in order to complete the Project and begin Phase 2 improvements, enabling the City to maintain the project schedule and to meet community commitments.

To declare the determination of City Council to proceed with acquiring, constructing, installing, equipping, and improving the streetscape along North High Street from Convention Center Way to Goodale Boulevard in the Short North area of Columbus; and to declare an emergency. (\$0.00)

WHEREAS, this Council previously adopted Resolution 0091X-2017 (the "Resolution of Necessity") on May 1, 2017, which declared the necessity of constructing streetscape improvements along North High Street between Convention Center Way and Goodale Boulevard, known as the Short North SID - High Street Improvements Phase 1 project (the "Project"), and levying Special Assessments on Benefitted Parcels in the Short North Special Improvement District (the "District"); and

WHEREAS, the Resolution of Necessity declared the necessity of levying Special Assessments on the Benefitted Parcels within the District in proportion to the special benefits conferred upon such parcels as Assessed Parcels in order to pay for a portion of the cost and expense of the Project currently estimated to be \$1,133,672.45, which is \$26,935.17 less than stated in the assessment report included in the Resolution; and

WHEREAS, property owners in the District were notified of the Special Assessments through certified mailings and public notices in the City Bulletin and there were no objections thereto; and

WHEREAS, an emergency exists in the usual daily operation of the Department of Public Service, in that it is immediately necessary for this Council to declare its determination that the City proceed with acquiring, constructing, installing, equipping, and improving the aforementioned streetscape in order to complete the Project and begin Phase 2 improvements, enabling the City to maintain the project schedule and to meet community commitments; now therefore,

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS:

SECTION 1. That capitalized terms not otherwise defined herein shall have the meaning assigned to each term in the Petition attached as Appendix A to the Resolution of Necessity 0091X-2017.

SECTION 2. That it is the determination of the City Council that the City proceed with acquiring, constructing, installing, equipping, and improving streetscape as part of the Short North SID - High Street Improvements Phase 1 project, as declared necessary within Resolution 0091X-2017 passed May 1, 2017, in accordance with the Plans, Specifications and Profiles identified as Drawing No. 3220 E and 3368 E, on file in the office of the Director of Public Service.

SECTION 3. That the estimated Special Assessments totaling \$1,133,672.45 shall be assessed in accordance with the Resolution of Necessity, and such Special Assessments shall be assessed in the manner set forth in the Resolution of Necessity in proportion to the special benefits conferred upon the Benefitted Parcels as Assessed Parcels.

SECTION 4. That the City's share of the cost of the improvements is inclusive of design, construction, and inspection services.

SECTION 5. That for the reasons stated in the preamble hereto, which is hereby made a part hereof, this ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure and shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and approval by the Mayor, or ten days after passage if the Mayor neither approves nor vetoes the same.