RESOLUTION NO. 2013 - 18

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BELL, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA, DECLARING THE INTENTION TO LEVY AND COLLECT THE ANNUAL ASSESSMENTS WITHIN THE CITY OF BELL LANDSCAPING AND LIGHTING ASSESSMENT DISTRICT FOR THE 2013-2014 FISCAL YEAR PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF DIVISION 15, PART 2, OF THE STREETS AND HIGHWAYS CODE OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA, AND SETTING A TIME AND PLACE FOR PUBLIC HEARING OF OBJECTIONS HEREON.

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Bell, California, has previously ordered the Engineer to prepare and file a report pursuant to the provisions of Division 15, Pat 2, of the Streets and Highways Code of the State of California, being the "Landscaping and Lighting Act of 1972", for the annual levy and collection of assessments against lots and parcels of land within the assessment district known and designated as "THE CITY OF BELL LANDSCAPING AND LIGHTING DISTRICT" (herein referred to as the 'DISTRICT"), generally located within the entire City of Bell; and

WHEREAS, at this time, there has been presented to and approved by this City Council the Engineer's Report as required by law; and at this time this City Council is desirous of proceeding with the ordering of the annual levy and collection of assessments.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BELL, CALIFORNIA, DOES RESOLVE:

Section 1. That the foregoing Recitals are true and correct and are incorporated herein.

Section 2. **PUBLIC INTEREST**. That the public interest and convenience require, and it is the intention of this City Council of the City of Bell to order the levy and collection of annual assessments against the lots and parcels of land within the DISTRICT for the Fiscal Year commencing July, 1, 2013 and ending June 30, 2014 to pay for the costs and expenses for the improvements described in Section 4 below, consistent with the said "Landscaping and Lighting Act of 1972".

Section 3. **REPORT**. The Engineer's Report, dated May 2013 regarding the Fiscal Year 2013-2014 assessment, describes the improvements for the Fiscal Year 2013-2014 and reference is hereby made to such Report for a full and detailed description of the improvements, the boundaries of the DISTRICT and the zones therein, and the proposed assessments upon assessable lots and parcels within the DISTRICT.

Section 4. **IMPROVEMENTS.** The general nature, location, and extent of the annual maintenance programs are as follows:

(A) The City Wide Landscaping and Lighting District consists of all assessable parcels within the Corporate Limits of the City of Bell.
(B) The maintenance improvement and restoration of public lighting and landscaping and open space improvements, including energy costs, irrigation, pruning, fertilization, pest control, weed abatement, drainage systems, irrigation control system improvements, and miscellaneous related work within the easement areas for said purpose.

All work and improvements above specified shall be done in accordance with the specifications and plans thereof referred to in the Engineer's Report dated May 2013, attached as Exhibit "A" and on file in office of the City Clerk, and which is hereby referred to and by this reference incorporated herein and made a part hereof.

Section 5. **PROPOSED ASSESSMENTS.** The assessments to be levied and collected against the assessable lots and parcels of land within the DISTRICT for Fiscal Year 2013-2014 are outlined in the Engineer's Report dated May 2013, attached as Exhibit "A" and on file at the office of the City Clerk and reflect no change in assessment from last fiscal year assessment.

Section 6. **PUBLIC HEARING.** Notice is hereby given that on July 17, 2013 at the hour of 7:00 p.m., in said Community Center of the City of Bell, California, being the regular meeting place of said City Council, is the time and place fixed by this City Council for the hearing of protests or objections in the reference to the annual levy and collection of the proposed assessments. Any interested person who wished to object to the annual levy and collection of assessments may file a written protest with the City Clerk prior to the conclusion of the public hearing, or, having previously filed a protest, may file a written withdrawal of that protest. A written protest shall state all grounds of objection, and a protest by a property owner shall contain a description sufficient to identify the property owned by the property owner. At the hearing, all interested persons shall be afforded the opportunity to hear and be heard.

Section 7. **NOTICE**. The City Clerk is hereby authorized, designated, and directed to publish a copy of this resolution in the Los Angeles Wave Newspaper, a newspaper of general circulation in the City of Bell; said publication shall be not less than fourteen (14) days before the date of said Public Hearing. The City Clerk is also authorized and directed to give any other notice required by law.

Section 8. **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This Resolution shall take effect immediately; and the City Clerk shall certify to the passage and adoption of this Resolution and shall cause the same to be processed in the manner required by law.

Section 9. **PROCEEDINGS INQUIRIES.** For any and all information relating to the procedures, protest procedures, documentation, and/or information of the procedural or technical nature, your attention is directed to the below listed person as designated:

TERRY RODRIGUE, ASSESSMENT ENGINEER
Telephone No.: (323) 588-6211

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 19th day of June, 2013.

Violeta Alvarez, Mayor

APPROVED AS TO FORM

Dave Aleshire, City Attorney

CERTIFICATE OF ATTESTATION AND ORIGINALITY

I, Janet Martinez, Interim City Clerk of the City of Bell, hereby attest to and certify that the foregoing resolution is the original resolution adopted by the Bell City Council at its regular meeting held on the 19th day of June, 2013, by the following vote:

AYES: Councilmembers Romero, Saleh, Valencia, Mayor Pro Tem Quintana and Mayor Alvarez

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

Janet Martinez, Interim City Clerk