

**SUBJECT: Paving Local Improvement District Formation Vote:  
GVC and GGL Subdivisions  
Prospector Hills and Wasilla Villa Condos Subdivision**

REQUESTED BY: Public Works

Presented to Council

Date: 4/3/00

PREPARED BY: Public Works

verified by: JN

DATE: March 29, 2000

FOR AGENDA OF: April 3, 2000

**SUMMARY:** Public Works is requesting that a special Council meeting be held to approve Council Resolutions 00-18 and 00-19.

**BACKGROUND:** Property owners from these subdivisions have requested the City to form paving LIDs. The Council previously approved preliminary engineering for these projects. At a special Council meeting last week, the two Resolutions authorizing a survey be taken for property owner LID formation voting failed, with Councilwoman Cottle voting "no" on Resolution 00-18.

Although there is a high interest by property owners, only their votes authorizing the formations allows the City to proceed with construction. Council Resolutions 00-18 and 00-19 begins the voting process. A minimum of 30 days is required from the time the ballots are mailed to the Council's public hearing. If fewer than 50% of the property owners protest the LID formation, then the Council has the opportunity to vote for the LID formation at the conclusion of that public hearing.

If these resolutions are not approved until the next regular Council meeting on April 10, the mailing can not be done until April 11. With the first Council meeting in May scheduled for the 10<sup>th</sup>, the 30-day period will not have been satisfied, resulting in delay until the May 22 meeting for LID formation.

It is imperative that the voting period begins as soon as possible, that is why the resolutions were brought forward last week. Further delays in forming the LIDs will result in higher costs to the City and to property owners. Specifically:

1. It had been Public Works intent that final engineering design would not be done until sufficient "Yes" ballots had been received. In order to get the designs done for construction this summer, Public Works will need to direct the engineer to finalize design work before knowing if the LIDs will be approved. Final design costs will range from \$30,000 – 50,000, regardless of whether the project will be constructed or not. If the vote fails, final design funds will have been needlessly spent.
2. Public Works had intended on advertising for bids in late May with Council approval of construction contracts during the June 12 Council meeting. Earlier bids typically

receive lower prices, since contractors need to ensure they receive some work. Delaying advertising until late June or July will pit small Wasilla projects against the State DOT bids. Under that delayed scenario, Wasilla will likely receive few bids and at significantly higher prices.

To minimize cost impacts to the City and property owners, Public Works requests that a special meeting be held as soon as possible to address Resolutions 00-18 and 00-19 and that Council approve these resolutions.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

For a special meeting to be held and for Council to approve Resolutions 00-18 and 00-19 and to direct Administration to proceed with the property owners' balloting to form the Paving LIDs for GVC and GGL subdivisions, and for Prospector Hills and Wasilla Villa Condos Subdivisions. As explained by the Mayor at last week's meeting, property owners are waiting for the opportunity to vote on forming their LIDs.

**FISCAL IMPACT** \_\_ No \_\_ Yes, amount requested: Fund:

**MAYOR REVIEW/COMMENT:**



Reviewed by: SARAH FALIN, Mayor