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TO:

Committee of the Whole

FROM:

Ed Andrews, Public Works Director

SUBJECT:

Board of Local Improvements Update

DATE:

July 5, 2019

The Board of Local Improvements met at 10AM on July 2, 2019 to discuss and decide on potential funding options for what is considered the private-side of the proposed improvements to N. Lawndale and W. Holland. Private-side improvements include the sanitary lateral, water service from the curb stop to the house and sump drain lines on private property.

In addition to the planned public improvements, the private-side components have reason for addressment due to the established high level of inflow and infiltration (I&I) on older construction, the aged service connections (which in some cases could be lead which would be required to be replaced regardless of ownership) and elimination of direct connections of footing tiles and sump pumps into the sanitary which is also prohibited by Code and the Agency.

As previously communicated during the discussion and adoption of the updated water and sewer rate structure, the adopted rates presumed that private water services and sanitary laterals would continue to be funded by a separate funding instrument. If these private improvements were to be funded using user rates, there would need to be a substantial additional increase to the already adopted rates. Assuming 100 connections per year at a cost of \$5,000 each, under the targeted 0.8 to 1 mile per year reconstruction rate, would require an additional increase of \$7.69.

The Board reviewed proposals for potential cost sharing and how that might be best assessed. The options discussed were that of a Special Assessment or Special Service Area. A Special Service Area had most recently been used for the Mallard Crossing Development. The Board decided to use a Special Service Area (SSA) for these projects.

A timeline update is pending with additional information from the City Attorney, but a resolution will be presented to Council and trigger a formal review period after which the private improvement portion of the project(s) could proceed.

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