

STAFF REPORT REGULAR MEETING

AGENDA DATE: July 16, 2024

DEPARTMENT: Community Sustainability

TITLE:

Resolution No. 24-2024 - adopting the final assessment roll for non-ad valorem assessments levied for Chronic Nuisance Services and directing that such final assessment roll be certified to the Palm Beach County Tax Collector

SUMMARY:

This resolution provides for the adoption of the final Chronic Nuisance Services Assessment Roll, which includes all costs for lot clearings, board and secures, and demolitions that remain delinquent and unpaid as of June 1, 2024 and to certify the final Chronic Nuisance Services Assessment Roll to the Tax Collector.

BACKGROUND AND JUSTIFICATION:

Pursuant to the provisions of sections 12-38 through 12-42 of the Code of Ordinances (the "Lot Clearing Ordinance"), sections 2-75.2 through 2-75.2.7 of the Code of Ordinances (the "Board and Secure Ordinance"), and sections 9-2.2(a) through 9-2.2(t) of the Code of Ordinances (the "Unsafe Building Abatement Code"), the owners of certain parcels of real property were notified of the existence of a public nuisance on their respective properties, failed to abate such nuisances and failed to pay the City for the costs the City incurred in the abatement of the nuisances. In accordance with section 12-42, section 2-75.2.7, and 9-2.2(q), the costs incurred by the City to abate said nuisances were assessed against each property as special assessment liens, and these liens were documented by the City Commission through the adoption of resolutions acknowledging the same. The City has complied with the requirements of Chapter 2, Article XIX, Division 2 "Levy and Collection of Non-Ad Valorem Assessments" of the City's Code of Ordinances in order to include the special assessments for unpaid chronic nuisance services costs on the property tax bills to be issued in November, 2024. The City Commission adopted Resolution No. 17-2024 which directed the creation of the preliminary Chronic Nuisance Services Assessment Roll; scheduled the date, time, and place of the July 16, 2024 public hearing to receive and consider comments from the public and consider the adoption of the chronic nuisance service roll for 2024; and provided notice by publication and first class mail to those property owners listed on the preliminary assessment roll. At the public hearing on July 16, 2024, the City Commission will receive any written objections to the assessment roll and shall hear testimony from all interested persons as required by section 197.3632, Florida Statutes, and, if appropriate, will adopt the final Chronic Nuisance Services Assessment Roll and direct the certification of the final roll to the Tax Collector. The adoption of the final roll shall constitute a legislative determination that all assessed parcels of real property derive a special benefit from the nuisance violation abatement services provided by the City, and a legal determination that the assessments are fairly and reasonably apportioned to the properties.

Attached is the proposed Resolution adopting the final Chronic Nuisance Services Assessment Roll and directing staff to certify the roll to the Tax Collector in compliance with section 197.3632, Florida Statutes, and the City's Code of Ordinances.

The total amount at this time being assessed is roughly **\$19,513**. Of that amount, it is estimated that approximately 40% will be collected in FY 2025 and the remaining will be collected over the next three fiscal years. Many of the properties involved have absent owners and collection of the assessments may involve tax deed sales, which will delay collection.

MOTION:

Move to approve/disapprove Resolution No. 24-2024 adopting the final assessment roll for non-ad valorem assessments levied for Chronic Nuisance Services.

ATTACHMENT(S):

Fiscal Impact Analysis – N/A
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