



City of Coral Gables
CITY COMMISSION MEETING
July 9, 2019

ITEM TITLE:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA, RELATING TO SECURITY SERVICES ASSESSMENTS WITHIN THE COCOPLUM PHASE I SECURITY GUARD SPECIAL TAXING DISTRICT; ESTIMATING THE COST OF THE SECURITY SERVICES TO BE ASSESSED FOR THE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING OCTOBER 1, 2019; DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER TO PREPARE AN UPDATED SECURITY SERVICES ASSESSMENT ROLL; ESTABLISHING A PUBLIC HEARING AND DIRECTING THE PROVISION OF NOTICE IN CONNECTION THEREOF; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

DEPARTMENT HEAD RECOMMENDATION:

Approval.

BRIEF HISTORY:

In accordance with the Dade County Home Rule Charter and Chapter 18 of the Code of Metropolitan Dade County, in 1995 Dade County (the "County") enacted Ordinance No. 95-214 to create the Cocoplum, Phase I Security Guard Special Taxing District to provide enhanced security services to properties within the District. Pursuant to Section 18-3.1 of the Code of Metropolitan Dade County, after approval by referendum and a joint resolution of the County and City of Coral Gables, governance and control of the District was transferred from the County to the City effective on October 1, 2018. Pursuant to the interlocal agreement between the County and the City outlining the transfer of governance, the City is responsible for establishing assessment rates and collecting assessments for the Special Taxing District. Pursuant to this agreement, the City adopted the Initial Assessment Resolution (Resolution Number 2018-194) on July 10, 2018, and the Final Assessment Resolution (Resolution Number 2018-245) was adopted on September 13, 2018.

Pursuant to the Master Assessment Ordinance (No. 2015-09), this resolution initiates the annual process for updating the Assessment Roll, sets the assessment rates for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2019, calls for the public hearing on these rates, and directs the provision of notice.

There is no change in the proposed methodology. There is an increase in this year's assessment of \$1,252.62 to properly adjust the budget to account for off-duty rates for police services and allows the build-up of a proper operational reserve over the next few years. Additionally, the adjustment to the assessment rate allows for an increase in services from 16 hours a day to 24 hours a day. This change has been approved by greater than 66.66% of the property owners (103 properties or 69.13%) as indicated on the attached petitions. Pursuant to the policy to amend special taxing districts approved by the City Commission, the legislative package to amend the district from 16 hours a day security services to 24 hours a day security services will be presented to the City Commission at two readings, July 9, 2019 and August 27, 2019. The assessment rate for the district will be finalized at the public hearing scheduled for September 12, 2019 at 3:00PM. This resolution sets the maximum rate for the district for the FY2020. The FY2020 assessment is \$3,360.00 per unit.

LEGISLATIVE ACTION:

Date:	Resolution/Ordinance No.	Comments
5/26/15	Ordinance 2015-09	Master Assessment Ordinance
7/10/18	Resolution No. 2018-194	Initial Assessment Resolution
9/13/18	Resolution No. 2018-245	Final Assessment Resolution

PUBLIC NOTIFICATION(S):

Date	Form of Notification

APPROVED BY:

Department Director	City Attorney (If Applicable)	City Manager

ATTACHMENT(S):

- 1. Proposed Budget
- 2. Petitions
- 3. Proposed Resolution