

City of Coral Gables CITY COMMISSION MEETING September 10, 2020

ITEM TITLE:

A Resolution of the City of Coral Gables, Florida, relating to Security Services Assessments within the Hammock Oaks Harbor Security Guard Special Taxing District; providing authority and definitions; approving the updated Security Services Assessment Roll; providing for the reimposition of the assessments; providing for collection of the assessments pursuant to the Uniform Assessment Collection act; providing for the effect of this Resolution; providing severability and 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 1985 Dade County (the "County") enacted Ordinance No. 85-95 to create the Hammock Oaks Harbor 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 Master Assessment Ordinance (No. 2015-09), the annual reimposition of assessments requires the adoption of a Preliminary Assessment Resolution (Resolution No. 2020-134), which was adopted on June 9, 2020, and adoption of this Annual Assessment Resolution. This Annual Assessment Resolution confirms the assignment of Assessment Units and computation of the Assessments as established in the Preliminary Assessment Resolution. It imposes the Assessments in the manner provided in the Ordinance for the Fiscal Year beginning October 1, 2020 to fund ongoing Security Services within the District and approves the Assessment Roll for the District.

The annual Security Service Cost will fund enhanced security services, facilities, and programs provided within the District that is in addition to the customary and typical law enforcement services provided throughout the City and consists of a visible safety and passive security program, to consist of one security guard or off-duty police officer operating from a mobile patrol unit. The total estimated Security Service Cost is \$273,928.20 for fiscal year 2020-21 and the corresponding assessments are \$2,698.80 per improved lot/unit and \$1,349.40 per vacant lot/unit.

The Preliminary Assessment Resolution (Resolution No. 2020-134) adopted at the June 9, 2020 Commission meeting set the preliminary assessment rate at \$3,898.80 per improved unit or \$1,949.40 for vacant units in anticipation of a successful petition to increase services to add new patrol services. The petition was unsuccessful and therefore the rate that is being adopted with this resolution is the same rate as in the prior year (\$2,698.80 per improved unit or \$1,349.40 for vacant units) and there is no change in the proposed methodology.

LEGISLATIVE ACTION:

| Date: | Resolution/Ordinance No. | Comments |
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| 5/26/15 | Ordinance 2015-09 | Master Assessment Ordinance |
| 7/10/18 | Resolution No. 2018-197 | Initial Assessment Resolution |
| 9/13/18 | Resolution No. 2018-248 | Final Assessment Resolution |
| 6/9/20 | Resolution No. 2020-134 | Preliminary Assessment Resolution |

ATTACHMENT(S):

- 1. Proposed Resolution
- 2. Proposed Budget