## City of Garden Grove

# INTER-DEPARTMENT MEMORANDUM

To:

Matthew J. Fertal

From:

Keith G. Jones

Dept:

City Manager

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**Public Works** 

Subject:

PROCEEDINGS FOR ESTABLISHING

Date:

May 11, 2010

UNDERGROUND UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 25

#### **OBJECTIVE**

To conduct a public hearing regarding the necessity of establishing underground Utility District No. 25 – Brookhurst Street, and if favorable, adopt a resolution establishing the district.

### BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION

At its meeting of April 27, 2010, the City Council adopted Resolution No. 8948-10, which called for a public hearing to be held on May 11, 2010 to determine the necessity for the formation of Underground Utility District No. 25 (Exhibit A)

Staff proposes to form an underground utility district and use Rule 20A funds to underground forty-two (42) poles. Underground Utility District No. 25 will underground Southern California Edison (SCE) overhead service lines along with other utility lines on both sides of Brookhurst Street from Westminster Avenue to Garden Grove Boulevard. The public necessity, health, safety and welfare require removal and undergrounding of the utility facilities in order to ensure the protection of the public from the above-ground facilities.

### FINANCIAL IMPACT

SCE has estimated the undergrounding cost to be \$4,500,000. Project funds will be provided by SCE Rule 20A allocation.

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that the City Council:

 Adopt the attached resolution establishing Underground Utility District No. 25 if a favorable hearing is held.

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KEITH G JONES Public Works Directo

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By: Dan Candelaria, P.E., T City Traffic Engineer

Attachment 1: Resolution Attachment 2: Exhibit A

Approved for Agenda Listing

Matthew Fertal City/Manager

#### RESOLUTION NO.

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GARDEN GROVE ESTABLISHING UNDERGROUND UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 25 UNDER CALIFORNIA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION RULE 20-A AND TITLE 11-CHAPTER 11.24 OF THE GARDEN GROVE MUNICIPAL CODE

WHEREAS, a Public Hearing was called for on Tuesday, May 11, 2010, at the hour of 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chamber of the Community Meeting Center, Garden Grove, California, to ascertain whether public necessity, health, safety or welfare requires the removal and underground of poles, overhead wires, and facilities for supplying electric, communication, or associated services, within the area of road right-of-way on Brookhurst Street between Westminster Avenue and Garden Grove Boulevard, as identified on the map entitled "Proposed Underground Utility District No. 25", attached hereto as Exhibit "A";

WHEREAS, it has been recommended that such an underground utility district, hereafter called "District", be formed within the area of road right-of-way on Brookhurst Street between Westminster Avenue and Garden Grove Boulevard, as identified in Exhibit "A"; and

WHEREAS, a Public Hearing was duly and regularly held on May 11, 2010, in the Council Chamber of the Community Meeting Center, Garden Grove, California, and all persons interested were given an opportunity to be heard.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Garden Grove:

- 1. Hereby finds that the public necessity, health, safety, or welfare requires the removal and underground of poles, overhead wires, and facilities for supplying electric, telephone, cable communication, and associated services within the District.
- 2. Hereby authorizes Underground Utility District funds to be used as provided under California Public Utilities Commission Rule 20-A.
- 3. Hereby declares the above-referenced property, as shown on the map entitled "Proposed Underground Utility District No. 25" and attached hereto as Exhibit "A", is designated as Underground Utility District No. 25.
- 4. Hereby orders that the above-referenced utility facilities be removed and installed underground.
- 5. Hereby orders that each utility which undertakes underground installation of its facilities shall use the underground conversion allocation, computed pursuant to decisions of the Public Utilities Commission of the State of California, for the purpose of providing to each property premises in the District requiring it, a maximum of one hundred (100) feet of individual

- service trenching and conductors, as well as backfill, paving, and conduit, if required. Each property owner in the District shall be responsible for the maintenance of the conduit and termination box located on, under, or within any structure on the premises served.
- 6. Hereby orders that all above-referenced removal and underground installation of utilities shall be accomplished by December 30, 2012, and that affected property owners shall be ready by such date to receive underground service of the affected utilities.
- 7. Hereby directs the City Clerk to notify all affected utilities and all affected persons owning real property within the District of the adoption of this Resolution within ten (10) days after the date of such adoption. The City Clerk shall further notify said property owners that the City will contract to provide all necessary facility changes on their premises so as to receive electric, communication, or other similar or associated service from the lines of the supplying utility or utilities on file with the Public Utilities Commission of the State of California. The property owner/tenants shall cooperate with the City's contractor and the cost of the conversions shall be per the terms stated above. Such notification by the City Clerk shall be made by mailing a copy of this Resolution and a copy of Chapter 24 of Title 11 of the City's Municipal Code to affected property owners as such are shown on the last equalized assessment roll and to the affected utilities.

