



Legislation Text

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Dept/ Agency: Economic & Housing Development

Action: () Ratifying (X) Authorizing () Amending

Type of Service: 2015 Annual Budget for Newark Downtown Special Improvement District (Downtown SID)

Purpose: Introducing and Approving 2015 Downtown SID Budget

Amount: \$3,893,350.00

Budget Period: January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2015

Additional Information:

Ordinance 6PSF-c 022013 repealed Ordinance 6S&FE 090298 and created an expanded Downtown SID and changed regulations for the operations of the Downtown SID

WHEREAS, by Ordinance 6PSF-c, adopted on February 20, 2013, the Mayor and the Municipal Council created and designated within the City of Newark a Special Improvement District authorized pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:56-65 et seq., to be known as the Newark Downtown Special Improvement District ("Downtown SID") to provide supplemental services within the District and collect a special assessment on all affected property within the Downtown SID, which assessments shall be collected by the City of Newark, for the purpose of promoting the economic and general welfare of the Downtown SID and the municipality; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Ordinance 6PSF-c, adopted on February 20, 2013, the Mayor and the Municipal Council designated a non-profit corporation, the Newark Downtown Special Improvement District Management Corporation, ("Newark Downtown District Management Corporation") to serve as the management and operating organization (the property boundaries for the Downtown SID are attached hereto as "Exhibit A" and made a part of this resolution; and

WHEREAS, the Newark Downtown District Management Corporation provides administrative and other services to benefit businesses, employees, residents, visitors and consumers in the Downtown SID and shall have all powers necessary and requisite to effectuate the purposes of the Ordinance 6PSF-c, adopted on February 20, 2013, and the Downtown SID; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40:56-80 and the provisions of Ordinance 6PSF-c, adopted on February 20, 2013, the Newark Downtown District Management Corporation must prepare an annual budget that includes an estimate of the annual costs of operating the Downtown SID, including a summary of the categories of cost property chargeable as follows:

- (1) the amount of such costs to be charged against the general funds of the municipality, which shall be that amount which the municipality would pay from its general funds for street maintenance and operation on a street of similar size and location, but not improved in a special improvement district; and
- (2) the costs charged and assessed against properties within the District in proportion to

the benefits conferred by the annual improvement; and

- (3) the amount of costs, if any, to be specially taxed against properties in the District; and

WHEREAS, upon receipt of the budget, the Municipal Council is required to consider the budget, approve the budget, schedule a public hearing and adopt the budget with such amendments as the Governing Body considers necessary to operate and maintain the Downtown SID during the ensuing fiscal year; and

WHEREAS, upon approval of the budget, the Tax Assessor must comply with N.J.S.A. 40:56-81(c) including, but not limited to, preparing an assessment roll setting forth separately the amounts to be specially assessed against the benefited and assessable properties in the Downtown SID; and

WHEREAS, the estimated annual budget for the 2015 calendar year (January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2015), is in the amount of \$3,893,350.00 for the Downtown SID, attached hereto as Exhibit B, was unanimously approved by the Newark Downtown District Management Corporation at its December 3, 2013 Board of Directors Meeting; and

WHEREAS, the amount anticipated to be raised by the special assessments to support the Budget of the Downtown SID is estimated to be \$3,893,350.00 and shall be paid over to the Newark Downtown District Management Corporation in installments of 25% of the total estimated assessments quarterly.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEWARK, NEW JERSEY, THAT:

1. The estimated annual budget for the 2015 calendar year (January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2015), in the amount of \$3,893,350.00, for Newark Downtown Special Improvement District ("Downtown SID"), attached hereto as Exhibit B, as approved by the Newark Downtown Special Improvement District Management Corporation, ("Newark Downtown District Management Corporation") at its January 29, 2015 Board of Trustees Meeting, is hereby introduced and approved, subject to a public hearing prior to adoption, in accordance with provisions of Ordinance 6PSF-c, adopted on February 20, 2013, and as set forth in N.J.S.A. 40:56-80 and N.J.S.A. 40:56-84.

2. The Tax Assessor is directed to do the following:

- (a) prepare an assessment roll specifying the amounts specifically assessed against each benefitted and assessable property in the Downtown SID in proportion to the benefit conferred, based upon the approved budget in accordance with the procedures prescribed in N.J.S.A. 40:56-80(c). Such assessment roll shall include a description of each property and the names of the owners; and

- (b) file the assessment roll in the Office of the City Clerk to be available for public inspection.

3. The City Clerk is directed to do the following:

- (a) schedule a public hearing on the budget and the amount of the assessments not less

than twenty-eight (28) days from the date of this resolution; and

- (b) at least ten (10) days prior to the date of the public hearing publish
 - (i) a notice setting the time and place of the public hearing on the budget and amounts of the special assessments; and
 - (ii) a copy of the entire budget in a newspaper of general circulation in the City of Newark; and
- (c) at least 10 days before the date of the scheduled hearing
 - (i) post a complete copy of the approved budget in City Hall in the customary location for posting public notices; and
 - (ii) post a complete copy of the assessment roll in City Hall in the customary location for posting public notices; and
 - (iii) make available a copy of the budget to any person(s) requesting it up to and including the date of the public hearing.

4. Upon approval of the assessment roll with any changes approved by the Municipal Council, the City Clerk shall immediately certify a copy of the assessment roll to the County Tax Board to be effective as of January 1, 2015.

5. The amount anticipated to be raised by the special assessments to support the annual budget of the Newark Downtown District Management Corporation for the 2015 calendar year (January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2015) is estimated to be \$3,893,350.00. Said total estimated amount of the special assessments set forth in the estimated and approved budget shall be paid over to the Newark Downtown District Management Corporation in installments of 25% of the total estimated assessments quarterly.

6. A certified copy of this resolution will be filed with the Office of the City Clerk.

7. The Office of the City Clerk shall forward certified copies of this resolution to the Business Administrator, the Acting Director of Finance and the Office of Tax Collector.

STATEMENT

This resolution (1) Introduces and approves the annual budget of Newark Downtown Special Improvement District in the estimated amount of \$3,893,350.00 for the 2015 calendar year (January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2015), subject to a public hearing prior to adoption, in accordance with provisions of Ordinance 6PSF-c, adopted on February 20, 2013, and as set forth in N.J.S.A. 40:56-80 and N.J.S.A. 40:56-84. (2) Directs the City Clerk to publically advertise the budget and schedule a public hearing; and (3) Directs the Tax Assessor to prepare an assessment roll of the properties within the district based upon the budget.

