



Request for City Council Committee Action From the Department of Public Works

Date: January 30, 2007
To: Honorable Sandra Colvin Roy, Chair, Transportation & Public Works Committee
Subject: **Chicago-Lake Special Service District Ordinance Public Hearing**

Recommendation: Passage of an Ordinance establishing the Chicago-Lake Special Service District. This Ordinance may be authorized for summary publication.

Previous Directives:

July 15, 1988 City Council adopted Streetscape Maintenance Policy.
Ordinance Introduction on September 1, 2006 City Council Meeting.

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Permanent Review Committee (PRC) Approval _____ Not applicable X
Policy Review Group Approval _____ Not applicable X

Financial Impact (Check those that apply)

- No financial impact - or - Action is within current department budget.
(If checked, go directly to Background/Supporting Information)
- Action requires an appropriation increase to the Capital Budget
- Action requires an appropriation increase to the Operating Budget
- Action provides increased revenue for appropriation increase
- Action requires use of contingency or reserves
- Other financial impact (Explain):
- Request provided to the Budget Office when provided to the Committee Coordinator

Community Impact

Neighborhood Notification: Public hearing notices sent out 2 weeks prior to public hearing
City Goals: The City's infrastructure will be well-maintained; streets will be destinations.
Comprehensive Plan: Consistent
Zoning Code: Not Applicable

Background/Supporting Information:

As part of the Lake Street paving project, currently under construction by Hennepin County, the commercial properties in the vicinity of Chicago Ave and Lake Street intersection have taken this opportunity to include an enhanced streetscape project. The costs for these improvements are being 100% assessed to the benefited properties.

On July 15, 1988, the City Council adopted a policy requiring the implementation of a means for maintaining all new streetscape improvements. Special service districts have become a common and effective method of implementing the Council's policy. The streetscape project's community representatives have proposed the special service district be:

Chicago-Lake SSD

Lake St E from Columbus Ave S to 12th Ave S and Chicago Ave from approximately 665 ft north of Lake St south to 31st St E;

An Ordinance to establish such a district for the area was introduced at the City Council meeting on September 1, 2006 for its first reading and referred to the Transportation & Public Works Committee for a public hearing. We recommend approval of the district establishment Ordinance for the Chicago Avenue and Lake Street area.

Attachment 1: SSD Map

Attachment 2: Ordinance

Cc: Council Member Gary Schiff, Ward 9