

CITY COUNCIL RESEARCH DIVISION

LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY



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Bill Type and Number: Ordinance 2023-275

Introducer/Sponsor(s): Council Member DeFoor

Date of Introduction: April 25, 2023

Committee(s) of Reference: NCSPHS, F, TEU

Date of Analysis: April 24, 2023

Type of Action: Approval of costs for utility improvements, adoption of non-ad valorem assessment roll and payment of final special assessment and lien

Bill Summary: This bill approves the actual costs of the conversion of utilities from overhead to underground for the Ortega Point North neighborhood, upon which assessments will be based, in the amount of \$1,234,141.94. The total assessment to the benefited properties of \$1,234,141.94, as reflected on the final non ad valorem assessment roll, is approved and adopted. The approved and adopted assessments will be recorded in the Improvement Lien Book. The final assessments will remain as liens on the benefited properties until paid in full and shall be payable to the Tax Collector at the same time and in the same manner as other City taxes are payable.

Background Information: Ordinance 2019-376 established a Neighborhood Assessment Program within the Ortega Point North for Underground Power and Communications Improvements, to convert overhead electric, telephone and cable television lines to underground utilities. All project costs were initially funded by JEA, and all costs incurred will be reimbursed to JEA through the NAP using the uniform method for the levy, collection, and enforcement of non-ad valorem assessments. The unit of measurement for assessment shall be per real estate parcel, with the actual assessment per parcel at \$10,115.92 for the undergrounding of the wires along the street. The final assessments shall be paid in twenty (20) annual installments of \$866.34 for the uniform assessment, and the unpaid balance shall accrue interest at the rate of 4.97% per year including applicable fees and recovered adjustments for early payment discounts.

Policy Impact Area: Ortega Point North - Neighborhood Assessment Program utility improvements

Fiscal Impact: Total assessment of \$1,234,141.94, to be reimbursed to JEA by the owners of the benefited properties paid in twenty (20) annual installments

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