

CITY OF ALAMEDA RESOLUTION NO. _____

AMENDING FISCAL YEAR 2018-19 OPERATING BUDGET FOR THE
ISLAND CITY LANDSCAPE AND LIGHTING DISTRICT ZONE 4 FUND

WHEREAS, On June 6, 2018, the City Council did adopt Operating and Capital Budget representing the financial plan for conducting the affairs of the City of Alameda (City) for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2017, and ending June 30, 2019; and

WHEREAS, The City's Island City Landscape and Lighting District (LLD) 84-2 was formed in 1984 and has six zones throughout the City. Property owner assessments in LLD 84-2 fund maintenance of the zone's public areas including sidewalks, litter cans, and landscaping; and

WHEREAS, Zone 4 of the City's LLD 84-2 covers Park Street from the Park Street Bridge to San Jose Avenue, including some adjacent streets. Assessments in Zone 4 of the City's LLD 84-2 have remained unchanged since the early 1990s. As a result, the level of maintenance has significantly decreased; and

WHEREAS, in 2013, staff began discussions with the Downtown Alameda Business Association (DABA) board regarding an assessment increase. In 2014, DABA requested the balloting be postponed to the following year. The balloting occurred the next year and, on July 7, 2015, ballots were tallied: 26% cast in favor, 74% opposed. The balloting did not pass, and existing assessments remained unchanged; and

WHEREAS, as part of the routine annual process to set assessments, the City Council approves a budget for each zone for the coming year. With the total cost of services for the zone set to exceed the total assessment, the FY 2018-19 Budget required the use of the zone's remaining reserves at the time and a \$7,421 service cut; and

WHEREAS, following approval of the budget, at the request of DABA the City entered into an agreement with NBS in November 2018 to complete the first phase of the process to increase assessments. This first phase involved preparation of parcel data, establishing zone boundaries and services to be funded, and preparation of a findings report; and

WHEREAS, staff seeks the City Council's approval to proceed with the balloting and amend the expenditure section only of NBS' agreement to include this project's second phase. This second phase covers the assessment methodology, an engineer's report, and the balloting itself; and

WHEREAS, the DABA Business Improvement Board has made a \$10,000 contribution to provide financial support with the City's balloting work; and

WHEREAS, staff is proposing that the Island City Landscape and Lighting District Zone 4 Fund be adjusted by increasing revenue by \$10,000, and by increasing expenditure appropriations by \$18,000; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has considered the report and recommendations of the Interim City Manager on the budget amendment and has determined that the budget amendment is both fair and appropriate; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has given this budget due consideration as to its projected revenues, anticipated expenditures and available fund balances.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Alameda that budget amendment for Fiscal Year 2018-19 Budget is approved for the Island City Landscape and Lighting District Zone 4 Fund by increasing revenue estimate by \$10,000 and expenditures appropriations by \$18,000.

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I, the undersigned, hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was duly and regularly adopted and passed by the Council of the City of Alameda in a regular meeting assembled on the 19th day of February, 2019, by the following vote to wit:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTENTIONS:

IN WITNESS, WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said City this 20th day of February, 2019.

Lara Weisiger, City Clerk
City of Alameda

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Michael H. Roush, Interim City Attorney
City of Alameda