

**RESOLUTION NO. 2021- 41**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF SAN JUAN BAUTISTA AMENDING THE VALLE VISTA LANDSCAPE AND LIGHTING DISTRICT BUDGET ADDING \$40,000 FROM ITS RESERVES TO ADDRESS DEFERRED MAINTENANCE**

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to the Landscaping and Lighting Act of 1972 (Streets & Highways Code Section 22500 *et seq.*) (“Act”), the City levies an annual assessment in connection with its Valle Vista Landscape and Lighting Maintenance Assessment District No. 1 (“District”); and

**WHEREAS**, on June 15, 2021, the City Council declared its intention to levy the assessment in connection with the District for Fiscal Year 2021-22 and increase the assessment amount by the cost of living consistent with the process described in the original 2003 Engineer’s Report; and

**WHEREAS**, at the City Council meeting, several District property owners expressed confusion regarding what the District was intended to maintain, concern that certain assets were in disrepair, and asked staff look into the matter; and

**WHEREAS**, on Thursday, July 1, 2021, a Valle Vista community meeting was held at the Carl Luck Library; and

**WHEREAS**; roughly 25 people attended and staff reviewed the 11-page 2003 Engineer’s Report, presented the 19-year history of the District, sharing that the items listed in the Report describe what was to be maintained by the annual assessment, how the budgets had been significantly reduced several years ago, removing tree trimming and other needed services; and

**WHEREAS**, the fiscal status of the District was also discussed at the July 1, 2021 Valle Vista community meeting, describing a Reserve of an estimated \$80,000 (nearly 4-times the annual cost to maintain the District), and staff suggested that several deferred maintenance items could be repaired using half of these Reserve funds, leaving a two-year balance in Reserves in case of emergencies; and

**WHEREAS**, since July 1, 2021, staff has received estimates to address deferred maintenance and recommends that \$40,000 be budgeted from the Valle Vista District reserves to make these one-time repairs, and place certain non-routine work including occasional painting, tree trimming and other miscellaneous work orders on a biannual schedule to avoid this state of disrepair from occurring again.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN JUAN BAUTISTA NOW HEREBY FINDS:**

1. That the recitals in this Resolution and accompanying staff report are true and correct and are hereby made a part of this Resolution.
2. The City Council finds that the allocation of \$40,000 from the Valle Vista Landscape and Lighting District reserves is necessary to complete the following one-time maintenance tasks:
  - a. Trimming the sycamore street trees;

- b. Assessing the health of the Eucalyptus Trees, and trimming them or potentially removing them if deemed to be necessary;
  - c. Painting the street light poles and repairing any broken globes;
  - d. Painting and repairing the Gazebo;
  - e. Clearing the stormwater retention basin of all cattails and cleaning out the basin.
3. The City Council directs staff to initiate the work described herein as cost effectively and as soon as practicable.
4. The City Council directs staff to inform the current landscape services provider to be responsible for the irrigation hardware of the landscape being maintained, and to meet monthly with Public Works and walk the neighborhood looking for new and necessary improvements to its maintenance.
5. The City Council agrees to consider a new design for the small park, possibly removing the Gazebo in the next three to five years for new adaptation that the community will use.
6. Lastly, that those biannual maintenance issues described in #2 above be placed on a calendar and reviewed annually for budget purposes.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** by the City Council of the City of San Juan Bautista at a Regular meeting held on the 17<sup>th</sup> day of August 2021, by the following vote:

**AYES:** Jordan, Flores, Freeman Freels

**NOES:** None

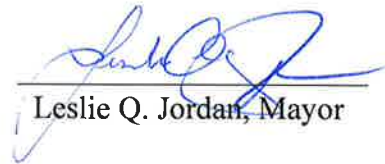
**ABSENT:** Edge

**ABSTAIN:** None

**ATTEST:**



Trish Paetz, Deputy City Clerk

  
Leslie Q. Jordan, Mayor