



Agenda Item C.2
PUBLIC HEARING
Meeting Date: July 15, 2008

TO: Mayor and Councilmembers

FROM: Steve Wagner, Community Services Director

CONTACT: Kimberly Nilsson, Project Manager

SUBJECT: Public Hearing to Consider Establishing the Tax Rate for the Goleta Library Special Tax for Fiscal Year 2008-09

RECOMMENDATION:

- A. Adopt a Resolution No. 08-__ entitled " A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Goleta, California Establishing Goleta Library Special Tax for Fiscal Year 2008-2009; and
- B. Authorize the City Manager to enter into an agreement with the County Auditor-Controller for the collection of special assessments.

BACKGROUND:

The City of Goleta annually conducts a public hearing to set the amount of tax collected in accordance with Measure L, the special tax to fund enhanced library services. The special tax provides for annual adjustments of the levy in accordance with the Consumer Price Index (CPI) cost of living index. The library special tax for Fiscal Year 2008-09 is proposed to increase by 3.2%, which reflects the CPI adjustment for 2008. The proposed CPI adjustment is based on the Los Angeles-Riverside-Orange County index for the period January 2007 to January 2008.

In June 1990, the voters in County Service Area No.3 (Goleta Valley) approved Measure L, which authorized a special tax to fund enhanced services at the Goleta Library. Upon incorporation of the City of Goleta, the City became the successor to the County and County Service Area No.3 within the City of Goleta. As such, the City assumed ownership of the Goleta Library, and the City assumed responsibility for the provision of library services to the community.

DISCUSSION:

The City receives revenues from the library tax for the purpose of funding library services within the City of Goleta. In accordance with the provisions of Measure L the City Council must hold a public hearing to annually fix the amount of the tax to be

collected within the City. The tax can be adjusted each year based on the change in the cost of living.

The City of Santa Barbara provides management and staff for the Goleta Library, per an agreement entered into in 2005. The Goleta Library provides comprehensive library services including general circulation of its collection, pre-school story time, reference service, and overdue book follow-up service.

The library special tax for FY 2008-09 is proposed to increase by 3.2% which reflects the CPI adjustment for 2008, based on the Los Angeles-Riverside-Orange County index for the period January 2007 to January 2008.

The table below illustrates the proposed library tax rates for FY 2008-09 based on a 3.2% CPI increase within each parcel category.

City of Goleta Library Tax			
Parcel Type	Actual FY 2008-09	Number of Parcels	FY 2008-09 Revenue
Single Family Dwelling/Condominiums	\$19.98	7,532	\$150,489.36
Apartments (2 - 3 units)	\$39.91	174	\$6,944.34
Apartments (4+ units)	\$119.72	99	\$11,852.28
Commercial: Heavy/Light	\$89.75	366	\$32,848.50
Industrial	\$89.75	190	\$17,052.50
Churches/Misc.	\$39.91	21	\$838.11
Farm/Vacant	\$9.96	245	\$2,440.20
Total			\$222,465.29

The total projected Library District Assessment for 2008-2009 is \$222,465.29. Attached is the required resolution to implement the proposed increases. A copy of the preliminary tax roll report listing the tax rate for each parcel within the City is on file with the City Clerk.

The County is requesting the City to execute a contract for the collection of special assessments, a copy of which is attached to this report. Fees and charges for the collection of special assessments have not changed.

FISCAL IMPACTS:

The adopted FY 2008-09 Budget includes Library Special Tax revenue projection of \$218,614. The appropriation for contract library services in account 101-5-2400-550 is \$204,914.

It should be noted, however, that overall revenues versus operating costs are in the negative (deficit) in the amount of \$172,000 in the current fiscal year. Next year, presuming no significant change in service levels or new revenue sources, the deficit is expected to grow by at least another \$50,000 due to a re-calculation, County-wide, of population figures and subsequent funding distributions. In addition, costs for the upkeep and maintenance of library operations and the facility continue to be an issue for the City. For Fiscal year 2007-08 the City completed the installation of a new HVAC system on the library. The cost of the system was \$200,000.

It is anticipated that for fiscal year 2008-09 the roof will require replacement. The cost of the roof replacement is estimated to be roughly \$100,000. Staff is working with the Finance Committee on these issues and will return to Council in the future to address budget shortfalls, service levels and potential solutions with the City Council.

Submitted By:

Approved By:

Steve Wagner
Community Services Director

Daniel Singer
City Manager

Attachment

1. Resolution of the City Council of the City of Goleta Establishing the Goleta Library Special Tax Rate for Fiscal Year 2008-09 and authorizing the City Manager to execute a contract.
2. Contract packet from the County of Santa Barbara for the collection of special assessments.

ATTACHMENT 1
Resolution of the City Council of the City of Goleta Establishing the Goleta Library
Special Tax Rate for Fiscal Year 2008-09

RESOLUTION NO. 08-____

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GOLETA
ESTABLISHING THE GOLETA LIBRARY SPECIAL TAX FOR FISCAL
YEAR 2008-2009**

WHEREAS, On February 13, 1990, the Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors adopted Resolution 90-92 which proposed to the voters of County Service Area 3 the enactment of a tax for library facilities and services in said service area; and

WHEREAS, on June 5, 1990 the voters of County Service Area 3 approved said tax measure; and

WHEREAS, with the incorporation of the City of Goleta on February 1, 2002 and pursuant to LAFCO Resolution 99-20 ordering that the City of Goleta is authorized to levy, fix and collect the previously authorized taxes, the City became the successor to the County and County Service Area #3 for the part of County Service Area #3 within the City of Goleta; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the provisions of Resolution 90-02, on file with the City Clerk is a preliminary assessment role containing a description of the parcels receiving the particular extended service and the amount of tax for each parcel for the 2008-2009 Fiscal Year; and

WHEREAS, this Council has held a hearing on such assessment role at the time and place set for such hearing and has considered any objections or protests.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GOLETA DOES RESOLVE, DETERMINE, AND ORDER AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1

That the assessment role on file with the City Clerk on the special tax to be levied in the City of Goleta for library facilities and services is confirmed and said charges are hereby adopted, made, and assessed for the City as follows:

Land Use	Rate
Residential	
Single Family	\$19.98
Condominium	\$19.98
Duplex/Triplex	\$39.91
Apartments	\$119.72
Commercial	
Heavy	\$89.75
Light	\$89.75
Industrial	\$89.75
Churches Misc	\$39.91
Farm/Vacant	\$9.96

The above rates represent an increase of 3.2%, in accordance with Measure L, which provides for annual adjustments consistent with the Consumer Price Index.

SECTION 2

The assessment roll is incorporated herein by reference and is on file with the office of the City Clerk. Said charges are to be collected at the same time and in the same manner as ordinary county ad valorem property taxes pursuant to the provisions of Sections 28-81 and 28-102 of the Chapter 28 of the Santa Barbara County Code as adopted by the City Council of the City of Goleta and as approved by the voters. Taxes shall be imposed in the City of Goleta for FY 2008-09 in accordance with that assessment role and the terms of Resolution 90-92 as approved by the voters of the City of Goleta on November 6, 2001.

SECTION 3

The City Clerk shall certify to the adoption of this Resolution.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 15th day of July, 2008.

MICHAEL T. BENNETT, MAYOR

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

DEBORAH CONSTANTINO
CITY CLERK

JULIE HAYWARD BIGGS
CITY ATTORNEY

STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA) ss.
CITY OF GOLETA)

I, Deborah Constantino, City Clerk of the City of Goleta, California, DO HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing Resolution No. 08-___ was duly adopted by the City Council of the City of Goleta at a regular meeting held on the 15th day of July, 2008, by the following vote of the Council:

AYES: COUNCILMEMBERS

NOES: COUNCILMEMBERS

ABSENT: COUNCILMEMBERS

(SEAL)

DEBORAH CONSTANTINO
CITY CLERK

ATTACHMENT 2

**Contract packet from the County of Santa Barbara for the collection of
Special Assessments.**

County of Santa Barbara
Office of the Auditor-Controller
Property Tax Division

Agreement to Place Special Assessments/Fixed Charges
on the 2008-09 Secured Tax Bills

Fund No	Fixed Charge Description	Preliminary Parcel Count	Preliminary Charge Total
0636	GOLETA CITY LIBRARY SPCL TAX - Code 678	9255	\$ 222,465.29
Totals			\$ 222,465.29

I certify that I am an authorized signer for the CITY OF GOLETA, Public Agency, and I have read and understood the 2008-09 fixed charge instruction letter explaining the requirements for fixed charges and agree to the terms stated therein for all fixed charges submitted above. If so indicated, I also authorize the consultant(s) noted below to act on our behalf.

Name	Date <u>(805) 961-7500</u>
Title	Phone
Signature <u>CITY OF GOLETA</u>	The following consultant is authorized to act on our behalf
Public Agency Name <u>130 CREMONA DR. #B</u> <u>GOLETA, CA</u> <u>93117</u>	Contact Person
Mailing Address	Phone
Email Address	Firm Name
	Mailing Address
	Email Address

ANNUAL CERTIFICATION OF FIXED CHARGE
FISCAL YEAR 2008-09

As agreed by City of Goleta, hereinafter referred to as "Public Agency", and Santa Barbara County, hereinafter referred to as "County", the Public Agency hereby certifies that the special taxes, fees, or assessments listed below, to be placed on the County's Secured Property Tax bills by the Public Agency, meet the requirements of Proposition 218 that added Articles XIII C and XIII D to the State Constitution.

The Public Agency agrees to defend, indemnify and hold harmless the County, the Board of Supervisors, the Auditor-Controller, its officers and employees, from litigation over whether the requirements of Proposition 218 were met with respect to such special taxes, fees, or assessments.

If any judgment is entered against any indemnified party as a result of not meeting the requirements of Proposition 218 for such special taxes, fees, or assessments, the Public Agency agrees that the County may offset the amount of any judgment paid by an indemnified party from any monies collected by the County on the behalf of the Public Agency, including property taxes, special taxes, fees, or assessments.

CITY COUNCIL/BOARD OF DIRECTORS/SCHOOL BOARD

DATE

Fund	Fund Name	Tax Code
0636	Goleta City Library Special Tax	678