1110.2 SUBJECT: PROCEDURE - PROVIDE MUNICIPAL IMPROVEMENTS BY ASSESSED AND NON-ASSESSED PROJECTS

:1 OBJECTIVE:

To provide municipal improvement and levy special assessments against property benefitting from such improvements.

:2 AUTHORITY:

This procedure amended by City Council September 15, 2003.

:3 DIRECTION:

City Engineer, as an appointed official, serves at the pleasure of the Mayor, and receives direction through the Public Works Director.

:4 METHOD OF OPERATION:

A. General
Requests for municipal improvements may be initiated by City Council as authorized by City Charter Chapter 3, Section 3 and Chapter 8. Preliminary plans and estimates are prepared by the department/office/bureau of primary responsibility and the Engineering Bureau.

B. Special Assessments vs. Property Benefitted
Where special assessments are to be levied, plans and estimates will be submitted to City Council for the approval of funds.

Upon City Council approval of funds, final plans and cost estimates will be prepared and City Council will be requested either to advertise for bids or to authorize construction by City forces.

C. Requests Initiated by the Public
In the case where special assessments are to be levied, property owners benefitting from the improvement may upon approval by City Council, including funding for the project, a petition containing information and costs of the project will be circulated to the property owner(s) by the Public Works Department.

(A successful petition requires approval by property owners representing more than fifty percent of the front footage of the properties benefitting from the improvement.)

Should a petition receive approval of the property owner(s) and if City
Council approves funding, final plans and cost estimates will be prepared and City Council will be requested either to advertise for bids, or to authorize Construction by City forces.

NOTE: City Council may authorize improvement(s) even if the petition fails, as authorized by City Charter Chapter 3, Section 3 and Chapter 8.

D. Preparation of the Assessment Roll
An assessment roll will be prepared and signed by the Engineer in time to permit City Council to assess the benefited property within ninety (90) days of the completion of the project.

The Public Works Director shall then submit the roll to the City Council for approval and setting of a public hearing date.

After the public hearing is held and the assessment roll is confirmed by City Council, it will be signed by the City Clerk and the Mayor, and presented to the Management, Budgeting, and Accounting Department, Revenue Collection Section, for processing.

:5 FORMS:
Request for Petition; Petition; Assessment Roll, Notification of Proposed Construction

:6 COMMITTEE RESPONSIBILITY:
None.

:7 REFERENCE:

:8 EFFECTIVE DATE:
This procedure effective September 15, 2003.