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AGENDA REPORT

TO: JOHN A. FLORES
INTERIM CITY ADMINISTRATOR

FROM: David McPherson

SUBJECT: Delinquent Real Property Transfer Taxes

DATE: February 10, 2015

City Administrator
Approval

Date

2/17/15

COUNCIL DISTRICT: City-Wide

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the City Council adopt the resolution accepting and confirming reports of the City Administrator on the costs incurred by the City of Oakland for delinquent real property transfer taxes and confirming the recordation of liens with administrative and assessment charges as necessary pursuant to Chapter 4.20 of the Oakland Municipal Code, and directing the notice of lien and assessment charges be turned over to the County Tax Collector for collection.

OUTCOME

Administrative hearings for delinquent real property transfer taxes were held on November 3, 2014, and December 1, 2014, to hear protests and resolve any inconsistencies or inequities raised by property owners regarding the non-payment of real property transfer taxes. A resolution has been prepared confirming the placement of liens on six (6) properties and authorizing the subsequent assessment for all fees and charges.

Staff requests that the City Council approves the placement of liens on all unpaid real property transfer tax accounts and authorize the subsequent assessment for all fees and charges should they remain unpaid prior to the transfer of said assessment to the County Assessor for inclusion on the next property tax assessment.

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BACKGROUND/LEGISLATIVE HISTORY

Pursuant to Chapter 4.20 of the Oakland Municipal Code, administrative hearings for delinquent real property transfer taxes were held on November 3, 2014 and December 1, 2014 to hear protests and resolve any inconsistencies or inequities raised by property owners regarding the non-payment of real property transfer taxes.

Following the administrative hearings, the Finance Director filed with the City Administrator a written notice of those persons on whom the City will file liens for unpaid taxes, penalties, interest and other charges. If these amounts remain unpaid or unresolved after a public hearing by the City Council, the City Council shall authorize by resolution the recordation of liens on the subject properties for costs incurred for delinquent real property transfer taxes, added administrative and assessment charges. The delinquent charges and assessments shall constitute a special assessment against said property, and shall be collected at such time as is established by the County Assessor for inclusion in the next property tax assessment.

The Public Hearing is scheduled for March 17, 2015. A resolution has been prepared confirming the placement of liens on six (6) properties and authorizing the subsequent assessment for all fees and charges.

ANALYSIS

Property owners owe the City delinquent real property transfer taxes and administrative fees for the accounts not resolved at the November 3, 2014 and December 1, 2014 administrative hearings as shown in *Attachment 1*. If the City fails to place a lien to recover the delinquent taxes, the General Purpose Fund may potentially lose estimated revenue totaling \$25,556 and administrative fees totaling \$300, creating a grand total of \$25,856 for this period.

PUBLIC OUTREACH/INTEREST

Administrative hearings for delinquent real property transfer taxes were held on November 3, 2014 and December 1, 2014 to hear protests and resolve any inconsistencies or inequities raised by property owners regarding the non-payment of real property transfer taxes.

COORDINATION

In coordination with the Office of the City Attorney and the Controller's Bureau, the agenda report, resolutions and supporting items attached to this report have been reviewed and/or approved for form, legality and fiscal implications.

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COST SUMMARY/IMPLICATIONS

If the City fails to place a lien to recover the delinquent taxes, the General Purpose Fund (1010) may potentially lose estimated revenue totaling \$25,856 for this period.

SUSTAINABLE OPPORTUNITIES

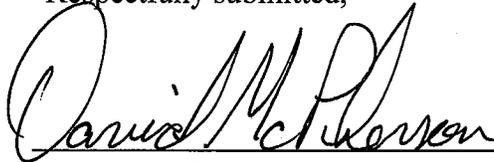
Economic: Collections of delinquent real property transfer taxes have major economic implications for the City's sustainability. The revenue source is relied upon to fund essential City services.

Environmental: There are no environmental opportunities resulting from the recordation of liens.

Social Equity: Collections of delinquent real property transfer taxes have significant social equity implications for the City's sustainability. The revenue source is relied upon to fund essential City services to all citizens and taxpayers.

For questions regarding this report, please contact David McPherson, Revenue and Tax Administrator at (510) 238-6650.

Respectfully submitted,



David McPherson
Revenue & Tax Administrator
Revenue Management Bureau

Attachment 1 – R.P.T.T. City Council Hearing Listing

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RESOLUTION No. _____ C.M.S.

Introduced by Councilmember _____

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING AND CONFIRMING REPORTS OF THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR ON THE COSTS INCURRED BY THE CITY OF OAKLAND FOR DELINQUENT REAL PROPERTY TRANSFER TAXES AND CONFIRMING THE RECORDATION OF LIENS WITH ADMINISTRATIVE AND ASSESSMENT CHARGES AS NECESSARY PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 4.20 OF THE OAKLAND MUNICIPAL CODE, AND DIRECTING THE NOTICE OF LIEN AND ASSESSMENT CHARGES BE TURNED OVER TO THE COUNTY TAX COLLECTOR FOR COLLECTION

WHEREAS, pursuant to Chapter 4.20, of the Oakland Municipal Code, the City Administrator filed with the City Clerk the reports concerning the costs incurred for delinquent real property transfer taxes and recordation of liens with added administrative charges and assessment charges on hereinafter described real property; and

WHEREAS, the date March 17, 2015 and the time 6:30 p.m., was fixed as the day and hour for the Council to hear and accept said reports, together with any objections or protests which may be raised by any of the property owners liable to be assessed for costs incurred for delinquent real property transfer taxes, and any other interested persons; and

WHEREAS, no protest were made at said hearing; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the reports that the City Administrator filed with the City Clerk on March 17, 2015, concerning delinquent real property transfer taxes, the recordation of liens with administrative charges for the real property described therein be and are hereby accepted and confirmed, and assessments are hereby authorized to be levied upon the hereinafter described properties in the amount set opposite each description for costs incurred for delinquent real property transfer taxes, added administrative charges and assessment charges; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that if said assessment therein levied is not paid before the 10th day of August 2015, the City Administrator shall present an itemized report to the Auditor Controller of the County of Alameda, State of California, to be placed on the 2015-2016 County Tax Roll.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA, _____, 20____

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES - BROOKS, CAMPBELL WASHINGTON, GALLO, GUILLEN, KALB, KAPLAN, REID, and PRESIDENT GIBSON McELHANEY

NOES -

ABSENT -

ABSTENTION -

ATTEST: _____

LaTonda Simmons
City Clerk and Clerk of the Council
of the City of Oakland, California

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City Attorney

2015 MAR -5 11:12:57 **RESOLUTION No. _____ C.M.S.**

Introduced by Councilmember _____

RESOLUTION CONTINUING HEARING OF THE REPORTS OF THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR ON DELINQUENT REAL PROPERTY TRANSFER TAXES AND THE RECORDATION OF LIENS WITH ADMINISTRATIVE AND ASSESSMENT CHARGES AS NECESSARY PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 4.20 OF THE OAKLAND MUNICIPAL CODE

RESOLVED, that the hearing of the reports of the City Administrator on the delinquent real property transfer taxes and recordation of the liens with added administrative charges that was duly noticed and held on March 17, 2015 at 6:30 p.m., is hereby continued for further hearing on the day of _____ in the City Hall, One Frank H. Ogawa Plaza, Council Chambers, Oakland, California.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA, _____, 20_____

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES - BROOKS, CAMPBELL WASHINGTON, GALLO, GUILLEN, KALB, KAPLAN, REID, and PRESIDENT GIBSON McELHANEY

NOES -

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2015 MAR -5 PM 12:00 RESOLUTION No. _____ C.M.S.

Introduced by Councilmember _____

RESOLUTION OVERRULING PROTESTS AND OBJECTIONS AND ACCEPTING AND CONFIRMING REPORTS OF THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR ON THE COSTS INCURRED BY THE CITY OF OAKLAND FOR DELINQUENT REAL PROPERTY TRANSFER TAXES AND AUTHORIZING THE RECORDATION OF LIENS WITH ADMINISTRATIVE AND ASSESSMENT CHARGES AS NECESSARY PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 4.20 OF THE OAKLAND MUNICIPAL CODE, AND DIRECTING THE NOTICE OF LIEN AND ASSESSMENT CHARGES BE TURNED OVER TO THE COUNTY TAX COLLECTOR FOR COLLECTION

WHEREAS, pursuant to Chapter 4.20, of the Oakland Municipal Code, the City Administrator filed with the City Clerk the reports concerning the costs incurred for delinquent real property transfer taxes and recordation of liens with added administrative charges and assessment charges on the hereinafter described real property; and

WHEREAS, the date March 17, 2015 and the time 6:30 p.m., was fixed as the day and hour for the Council to hear and pass upon said reports, together with any objections or protests which may be raised by any of the property owners liable to be assessed for costs incurred for delinquent real property transfer taxes, and any other interested person; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the protests are hereby overruled; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the reports that the City Administrator filed with the City Clerk on the 17th day of March 2015, concerning delinquent real property transfer taxes, and the recordation of liens with administrative charges for the real property described therein be and are hereby accepted and confirmed, and the assessments are hereby authorized to be levied upon the properties described in said City Administrator report, in the amounts set opposite each description for costs incurred for delinquent real property transfer taxes, added administrative charges, and assessment charges; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that if said assessment herein levied is not paid before the 10th day of August 2015, the City Administrator shall present an itemized report to the Auditor-Controller of the County of Alameda, State of California, to be placed on the 2015-2016 County Tax Roll.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA, _____, 20____

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES - BROOKS; CAMPBELL WASHINGTON, GALLO, GUILLEN, KALB, KAPLAN, REID, and PRESIDENT GIBSON McELHANEY

NOES -

ABSENT -

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ATTEST: _____
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