September 18, 2018

Downtown Tucson Partnership Business Improvement District Contribution

Background

The County has voluntarily participated in the Downtown Tucson Partnership (DTP) Business Improvement District by making an annual in-lieu of taxes fee payment to the DTP. The Business Improvement District is a property taxing special district formed by petition. As the downtown continues to revitalize and develop the scope and degree of responsibilities of the DTP increases.

Our voluntary in-lieu contribution for Fiscal Year (FY) 2018/19 is $180,000. A review of the properties owned by Pima County that benefit from the DTP Business Improvement District indicates the in-lieu contribution in proportion to benefit should be $276,164.12. (see attached August 3, 2018 letter and invoice)

The proportional benefit analysis was received after the County’s FY 2018/19 was adopted; hence, the budgeted contribution of $180,000.

The most significant benefit of the DTP Business Improvement District has been to activate the downtown outdoor space as well as to execute a program designed to reduce homelessness by matching homeless individuals to social and mental health services. In the past, homeless individuals, totaling nearly 100, camped overnight along Pennington Street. Today, homeless individuals are almost immediately matched with social and behavioral health services and provided temporary housing and a number of other services.

I have directed staff to allocate the full $276,164.12 as our contribution for the FY 2019/20 budget and to provide a $50,000 supplemental request of this year’s allocation to the DTP Business Improvement District, and in particular, to direct this funding to their Desert Lights/Downtown Lights Program. We will ask that this program highlight the opening of the Historic Pima County Courthouse to partial occupancy in December, 2018 to full functionality in January 2020 through the opening of the Southern Arizona Heritage and Visitor Center, the University of Arizona Mineral Museum as well as the January 8th Memorial.

Recommendation

I recommend the Board of Supervisors allocate $50,000 from the Contingency Fund to supplement Pima County’s payment in-lieu of taxes contribution to the Downtown Tucson Partnership Business Improvement District.
Sincerely,

C. H. Huckelberry
County Administrator

CHH/anc – August 27, 2018

Attachment

c:  Jan Lesher, Chief Deputy County Administrator
    Tom Burke, Deputy County Administrator for Administration
    Michelle Campagne, Director, Finance and Risk Management
    Robert Johnson, Deputy Director, Finance and Risk Management
    Lisa Josker, Director, Facilities Management
    Patrick McGee, Budget Manager, Finance and Risk Management
August 3, 2018

PIMA COUNTY
ATTN: LISA JOSKER
150 W CONGRESS ST
TUCSON, AZ 85701

RE: City of Tucson
    Downtown Tucson Partnership Business Improvement District

The parcels referenced on the enclosed invoice, which are currently owned by PIMA COUNTY, lie within the boundaries of the Downtown Tucson Partnership Business Improvement District. The amount on the invoice normally appears as a line item on the Secured Property Tax Bill, which pays for services and/or improvements that benefit these parcels.

Enclosed is the invoice calculating the assessment for the County based on the benefit the County parcels will receive for the 2018/19 Fiscal Year. Please see the following invoice for a breakdown of each parcels assessment.

If you have any questions regarding this invoice, please call Danielle Wood at (800) 676-7516.

Respectfully,

Danielle Wood
Associate Director
NBS

Enclosure
City of Tucson
Downtown Tucson Partnership Business Improvement District
Direct Billing Invoice for Fiscal Year 2018/19

Owner: PIMA COUNTY
ATTN: LISA JOSKER
150 W CONGRESS ST
TUCSON, AZ 85701

Mail payments to: Downtown Tucson Partnership
Attn: Kathleen Eriksen
100 N Stone Ave Ste 101,
Tucson, AZ 85701

Please call (800) 676-7516 for additional information.

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Detach and mail with payment to:
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District: Downtown Tucson Partnership BID

Total Invoice Amount $276,164.12