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**WHEREAS**, the Public Improvement District Assessment Act, Chapter 372 of the Texas Local Government Code (“Act”) allows for the creation of public improvement districts; and

**WHEREAS**, on June 12, 2013, City Council authorized the creation of the Dallas Downtown Improvement District (District) for a period of seven-years and designated the Downtown Dallas, Inc., as the management entity for the District by Resolution No. 13-1015; and

**WHEREAS**, on September 9, 2015, City Council authorized an ordinance approving and adopting the final 2016 Service Plan, 2015 Assessment Plan and the 2015 Assessment Roll by Resolution No. 15-1695; Ordinance No. 29860; and

**WHEREAS**, on September 14, 2016, City Council authorized an ordinance approving and adopting the final 2017 Service Plan, 2016 Assessment Plan and the 2016 Assessment Roll by Resolution No. 16-1496; Ordinance No. 30201; and

**WHEREAS**, on September 13, 2017, City Council authorized an ordinance approving and adopting the final 2018 Service Plan, 2017 Assessment Plan and the 2017 Assessment Roll by Resolution No. 17-1482; Ordinance No. 30636; and

**WHEREAS**, on September 12, 2018, City Council authorized an ordinance approving and adopting the final 2019 Service Plan, 2018 Assessment Plan and the 2018 Assessment Roll by Resolution No. 18-1304; Ordinance No. 30978; and

**WHEREAS**, on September 12, 2018, City Council authorized an amended and restated management contract with Downtown Dallas, Inc., the non-profit corporation designated as the management entity for the Dallas Downtown Improvement District (District) to reflect changes in the process for disbursement of assessment revenue, authorizing the City to disburse assessments to Downtown Dallas, Inc., and to address other amendments to the agreement form by Resolution No. 18-1305; and

**WHEREAS**, on September 11, 2019, City Council authorized an ordinance approving and adopting the final 2020 Service Plan, 2019 Assessment Plan and the 2019 Assessment Roll by Resolution No. 19-1433; Ordinance No. 31315; and

**WHEREAS**, on May 27, 2020, City Council authorized the creation of the Dallas Downtown Improvement District (District) for a period of seven-years and designated the Downtown Dallas, Inc., as the management entity for the District by Resolution No. 20-0869; and

**WHEREAS**, the Downtown Dallas, Inc. provided City staff with the proposed District 2021 Service Plan and 2020 Assessment Plan as shown in **Exhibits B and C**; and

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**WHEREAS**, City Council must review the proposed 2021 Service Plan and 2020 Assessment Plan and hold a public hearing to provide a reasonable opportunity for any owner of property located within the District to speak for or against the 2020 assessment against real property and real property improvements exclusive of right-of-way, to continue funding for the District for the purpose of providing supplemental services and improvements.

**Now, Therefore,**

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DALLAS:**

**SECTION 1.** That pursuant to the requirements of the Act, the City Council, after reviewing the proposed 2021 Service Plan and the proposed 2020 Assessment Plan for the Dallas Downtown Improvement District, will consider approval of the final 2021 Service Plan and 2020 Assessment Plan, subject to the public hearing on September 9, 2020.

The City Council makes the following findings concerning the Service Plan for the District:

- (a) Advisability of the Services Proposed for the District.** The District promotes the interests of the City and confers a special benefit to the property within its boundaries and it is advisable to continue the District and to provide the services and improvements described in this resolution.
- (b) Nature of the Services and Improvements.** The purpose of the District is to supplement and enhance services provided within the District, but not to replace or supplant existing City services provided within the District. The general nature of the proposed services and improvements to be performed by the District includes safety and cleaning programs, transportation enhancements, park and public space beautification and management, economic planning, promotion of Downtown Dallas, special events, and other related expenses incurred in establishing, administering and operating the District as authorized by the Act.
- (c) Estimated Cost of the Services and Improvements.** During the next five-year period, the estimated annual cost of the improvements and services provided by the District is expected to begin at approximately \$9,500,000.00 in 2021 and reach \$15,488,286.00 in 2025. The total estimated net assessments to be collected during the next five-year period is approximately \$61,375,013.00. The District shall incur no bonded indebtedness.
- (d) Boundaries.** The boundaries of the District are located wholly within the city of Dallas, Texas. The boundaries of the District are as shown in **Exhibit A**.

**SECTION 1.** (continued)

- (e) **Method of Assessment.** The assessment shall apportion the costs each year among the property owners on the basis of special benefits accruing to the property. The proposed method of assessment, which may specify included or excluded classes of assessable property, shall be assessed according to the value of the real property and real property improvements as determined by the Dallas Central Appraisal District ("DCAD"). The net assessment amount for 2020 is proposed to be \$9,417,000.00. This amount is approximately equal to \$0.129 per \$100.00 of appraised value as determined by DCAD. Once levied, this assessment rate shall not increase during the 2021 Service Plan year. The annual assessment rate shall not exceed \$0.129 per \$100.00 valuation. Future annual assessment rates, however, may be increased up to a maximum of \$0.15 per \$100.00 valuation subject to appropriations set forth in the petition that created the District. Any future increase in the assessment rate would also be subject to a public hearing and approval by the City Council.

The real property of jurisdictions and entities that have obtained an exemption from City of Dallas real property taxes pursuant to the Texas Property Code (except under the provisions of Sections 11.24 and 11.28 of the Property Tax Code) will not be subject to an assessment on that portion of the assessed value of the property exempt from City real property taxes. Property owned by tax-exempt religious organizations will be exempt from assessment as will property owned by persons already receiving and qualifying for 65-or-older homestead exemption under Section 11.13 (c) or (d) of the Texas Property Tax Code as well as railroad rights-of-way and cemeteries.

- (f) **Apportionment of costs between the District and the Municipality as a Whole.** The assessment is levied on the real property and real property improvements in the District according to the value of such property. Levying the assessment for the services and improvements based on the appraised value of the property results in the apportionment of the costs on the basis of special benefits accruing to the property. The City of Dallas has agreed to pay assessments against exempt City property in the District. For FY 2020-21, the City's estimated participation is \$854,603.00 (this amount excludes an estimated \$416,814.00 assessment for the Convention Center Hotel property, the Omni). Beginning with FY 2016-17, the County discontinued collecting the City's assessment for City property within the District. The City's 2020 assessment and all future assessments will be paid directly to the District at the County's request. As a contributor, the City of Dallas is represented on the governing Boards of Directors.

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**SECTION 2.** That the facts and recitations contained in the preamble of this resolution are hereby found and declared to be true and correct.

**SECTION 3.** That a public hearing shall be held no earlier than 1:00 p.m. on September 9, 2020, in the City Council Chamber, Dallas City Hall, 6th Floor, 1500 Marilla Street, Dallas, Texas 75201 at which time any interested person may appear via teleconference and speak for or against the setting of an assessment against real property and real property improvements, exclusive of rights-of-way, to continue funding for the District for the purpose of providing supplemental services and improvements.

**SECTION 4.** That notice of such public hearing shall be published in the official newspaper of the City of Dallas and mailed to the property owners in the District before the 10th day before the public hearing.

**SECTION 5.** That after the public hearing, the City Council may consider approval of an ordinance establishing classifications for the apportionment of costs and the methods of assessing special benefits accruing to property in the District because of the services and improvements in the District, approving and adopting the 2020 Assessment Roll on file with the City Secretary; approving the Service Plan for 2021; closing the hearing and levying assessments for the cost of certain services and/or improvements to be provided in the District during 2021; fixing charges and liens against the property in the District and against the owners thereof; providing for the collection of the assessment; and providing an effective date.

**SECTION 6.** That this resolution shall take effect immediately from and after its passage in accordance with the provisions of the Charter of the City of Dallas, and it is accordingly so resolved.