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**A resolution by the Council of the City and County of Denver, sitting ex officio as the Board of Directors of the Denver 14<sup>th</sup> Street General Improvement District, approving a Work Plan, adopting a Budget, imposing Capital Charges and Maintenance Charges, and making appropriations for the 2023 Fiscal Year.**

Approves the 2023 Work Plan and Budget for the 14th Street General Improvement District in Council District 9. The Committee approved filing this item at its meeting on 11-9-2022.

**Affected Council District(s) or citywide? 9**

**Executive Summary with Rationale and Impact:**

*Detailed description of the item and why we are doing it. This can be a separate attachment.*

State statute and the district creation ordinance require that City Council sitting as the ex-officio board of directors approves or disapproves the GID budget and work plan for the upcoming year. The resolution represents the Board of Director's approval for the expenditures and revenues necessary to execute the responsibilities of the district.

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

The Denver 14<sup>th</sup> Street General Improvement District (GID), a Title 31 district, was created by Council and approved by the electors within the GID in response to the “14<sup>th</sup> Street Initiative,” a public/private partnership between the Downtown Denver Partnership and the City and County of Denver to create Downtown's "Ambassador Street." The initiative began in 2005 and visualized 14<sup>th</sup> Street between Market Street and Colfax Avenue as both a thriving pedestrian promenade and a major gateway to Downtown for vehicular traffic. The plan contemplated streetscape enhancements and related public infrastructure improvements. Stakeholders, including private property owners, public officials and business organizations, participated in establishing the conceptual design for 14<sup>th</sup> Street. The City provided \$10 million of bond funding as part of the City's Better Denver Bond 14<sup>th</sup> Street Streetscape Project. The GID added \$4 million of its own funds for project construction. In addition to the enhanced capital improvements, the GID provides ongoing maintenance within its boundaries.

The Ordinance creating the GID and its companion ordinance creating the District Advisory Board provides that the District Advisory Board, after notice and a hearing, is to recommend to the Board of Directors, at least once a year, a proposed Work Plan and Budget, including Maintenance Charges and Capital Charges. This Resolution of the GID Board of Directors is to approve the 2023 Work Plan and Budget, including 2023 Capital Charges and Maintenance Charges.

**District Financial Structure:** The 2023 budget contemplates overall expenditures of \$657,673 and revenues of \$569,891. The expenditures are comprised of \$349,287 in operating, maintenance, and reserve expenses; and \$308,386 in debt service expenses. The District raises revenue by assessments on property owners via a Maintenance Charge and a Capital Charge. Maintenance Charges are based on a property's location within the district, its assessed value, and its lineal front footage on 14<sup>th</sup> St. For the 2023 budget the GID will assess \$308,386 in Capital Charges and \$208,512 in Maintenance Charges, and the GID will generate additional revenues from its banner advertising program, from maintenance charges paid by exempt properties, and by district properties requesting premium GID's services.

**Address/Location (if applicable):**

14<sup>th</sup> Street between Market Street and Colfax Avenue

**Legal Description (if applicable): N/A**

**Denver Revised Municipal Code (D.R.M.C.) Citation (if applicable): N/A**

**Draft Bill Attached? No**