

## **Answers to Questions from January 22, 2018 Hawthorne Meeting**

On January 22, 2018, the Town held an informational meeting regarding the Hawthorne Undergrounding District focusing on financing. There were three questions we stated we would follow up on. These questions and the respective answers are below:

***If the property owner sells and seller had prepaid the assessment during the prepayment period, who gets the money back?***

Answer: Any refund will go to the owner of record at the time of the refund.

***Is it possible, if people have paid their assessments on their taxes and sell before the project completion that they receive any refund resulting from extra funds after project completion?***

Answer: Any refund or credit upon an assessment will go to the owner of record at the time of that refund or assessment holiday. The City has not committed to credit any surplus against assessments at this point and the determination as to the use of any surplus will be made by the Town Council after the completion of the project in accordance with the options available under the assessment law.

***Is going off the grid an option?***

Answer: This is complicated and depends on the franchise agreements. It would be difficult to go off the grid for electricity, phone and cable (PG&E, AT&T and Comcast). Also, it is important to note that much of the special benefit from the undergrounding would still apply to a property within the district even if the property was not connected to utilities within the district.