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**CITY COUNCIL AGENDA
MONDAY, JANUARY 28, 2019
250 NORTH 5TH STREET
5:15 PM – PRE-MEETING – ADMINISTRATION CONFERENCE ROOM
6:00 PM – SPECIAL MEETING – CITY HALL AUDITORIUM**

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Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance, Moment of Silence

REGULAR AGENDA

1. Resolutions

- a. A Resolution Authorizing a Ballot Question Regarding a Sales Tax Increase for First Responders
- b. A Resolution Authorizing a Ballot Question Regarding a Sales Tax Increase for Transportation

2. Adjournment



Grand Junction City Council

Regular Session

Item #1.a.

Meeting Date: January 28, 2019

Presented By: Greg Caton, City Manager

Department: City Manager

Submitted By: Greg Caton

Information

SUBJECT:

A Resolution Authorizing a Ballot Question Regarding a Sales Tax Increase for First Responders

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends adoption of the resolution setting the title for a measure to increase the sales and use tax by 0.50% for police, fire, and emergency medical services, employees, stations, and first responder services.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The City Council is considering placing a question on the April ballot asking the City electors to approve a 0.50% sales and use tax rate increase for police, fire, and emergency medical services. Passage of the ballot measure will benefit the community by improving staffing and facilities to meet national standards and to address current and future growth.

BACKGROUND OR DETAILED INFORMATION:

The City Council is considering placing a question on the April ballot asking the City electors to approve an additional sales and use tax of 0.50% to fund police, fire and emergency medical services (EMS) including: a) building, equipping, and staffing new fire stations to improve response times/delivery of emergency medical, fire, and rescue services; b) hiring, employing, training, and equipping police officers, firefighters, and emergency medical service personnel (collectively First Responders) and employees such as 9-1-1 emergency dispatch, code enforcement, and forensic laboratory personnel that support First Responders and delivery of First Responder services.

If the ballot measure is approved, the city-wide sales and use tax will increase from two and three quarter percent (2.75%) to three and one quarter percent (3.25%).

Because of continued growth in the community and the increasing demands growth has placed on the City's First Responders, City Council supports the ballot question and believes that passage of the question is vital to the health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of Grand Junction and the greater community. Police, Fire, and Emergency Medical Services are important attributes for community strength and well-being. With passage of the ballot measure, the community will benefit by having improved staffing and facilities to offer essential services people need and want.

FISCAL IMPACT:

If the voters approve a 0.50% sales and use tax increase, the revenues generated are estimated at \$10.6 million in 2020.

SUGGESTED MOTION:

I move to (adopt or deny) Resolution No. 07-19, a resolution setting the title for and submitting to the Electorate on April 2, 2019 a measure to authorize an additional City Sales and Use Tax of 0.50% and to retain and spend revenues as a voter approved revenue change as defined by Article X, Section 20 of the Colorado Constitution and expend the revenue for Police, Fire, and Emergency Medical Services, Employees, Stations, and First Responder Services.

Attachments

1. First Responder Sales Tax Resolution

RESOLUTION NO. __-19

A RESOLUTION SETTING THE TITLE FOR AND SUBMITTING TO THE ELECTORATE ON APRIL 2, 2019 A MEASURE TO AUTHORIZE AN ADDITIONAL CITY SALES AND USE TAX OF .50% AND TO RETAIN AND SPEND REVENUES AS A VOTER APPROVED REVENUE CHANGE AS DEFINED BY ARTICLE X, SECTION 20 OF THE COLORADO CONSTITUTION AND EXPEND THE REVENUE FOR POLICE, FIRE AND EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES, EMPLOYEES, STATIONS AND FIRST RESPONDER SERVICES

RECITALS:

The Grand Junction City Council at its January 28, 2019 meeting considered placing a question on the April ballot asking the City electors to approve an additional sales and use tax of .50% to fund police, fire and emergency medical services including without limitation:

- Building, equipping and staffing new fire stations to improve response times/delivery of emergency medical, fire and rescue services; and,
- Hiring, employing, training and equipping police officers, firefighters and emergency medical service (EMS) personnel (collectively First Responders) and employees such as 9-1-1 emergency dispatch, code enforcement and forensic laboratory personnel that support First Responders and delivery of First Responder services.

If the ballot measure is approved, the city-wide sales and use tax will increase from two and three quarter percent (2.75%) to three and one quarter percent (3.25%).

Because of continued growth in the community and the increasing demands growth has placed on the City's First Responders, the City Council supports the ballot question and believes that passage of the question is vital to the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of Grand Junction and the greater community. Police and Fire/Emergency Medical Services (EMS) are important attributes for community strength and well-being; with passage of the ballot measure the community will benefit by having improved staffing and facilities to offer essential services people need and want.

It has been shown in recent studies that a significant portion of the City's general government revenue is derived from sales tax paid by visitors, out of area shoppers/non-City residents. Because the City is principally funded by sales tax, the tax burden on City residents is reduced and accordingly sales tax funding provides a means of sharing the cost of the delivery of services to all potential users.

The ballot title is set based upon the requirements of the Colorado Constitution and the City Charter and, pursuant to Section 31-11-102, C.R.S., is an alternative to the provisions of Section 31-11-111, C.R.S. regarding both a title and a submission clause. Pursuant to Section 31-10-1308, C.R.S., any election contest arising out of a ballot

issue or ballot question election concerning the order of the ballot or the form or content of the ballot title shall be commenced by petition filed with the proper court within five days after the title of the ballot issue or ballot question is set.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GRAND JUNCTION THAT:

The following question shall be submitted to the registered electors at the regular municipal election on April 2, 2019.

SHALL CITY OF GRAND JUNCTION TAXES BE INCREASED \$10,600,000 ANNUALLY (FIRST FULL FISCAL YEAR DOLLAR INCREASE STARTING IN 2020), AND BY WHATEVER ADDITIONAL AMOUNTS ARE RAISED ANNUALLY IN EACH SUBSEQUENT YEAR, WHICH REVENUES SHALL BE GENERAL FUNDS OF THE CITY AND EXPENDED FOR POLICE, FIRE AND EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES, STATIONS INCLUDING WITHOUT LIMITATION:

- BUILDING, EQUIPPING AND STAFFING NEW FIRE STATIONS AND
- HIRING, EMPLOYING, TRAINING AND EQUIPPING POLICE OFFICERS, FIREFIGHTERS AND EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE (EMS) PERSONNEL (FIRST RESPONDERS) AND 9-1-1 EMERGENCY DISPATCH, CODE ENFORCEMENT AND FIRST RESPONDER SUPPORT EMPLOYEES AND
- SHALL ALL TAX REVENUES GENERATED FROM THE INCREASED SALES AND USE TAX AND FROM ANY EARNINGS FROM THE INVESTMENT OF SUCH REVENUES CONSTITUTE A VOTER APPROVED REVENUE CHANGE AND AN EXCEPTION TO THE REVENUE AND SPENDING LIMITS OF ARTICLE X, SECTION 20 OF THE COLORADO CONSTITUTION?

_____ Yes

_____ No

Adopted this ____ day of _____, 2019.

President of the Council

ATTEST:

City Clerk



Grand Junction City Council

Regular Session

Item #1.b.

Meeting Date: January 28, 2019

Presented By: Greg Caton, City Manager

Department: City Manager

Submitted By: Greg Caton

Information

SUBJECT:

A Resolution Authorizing a Ballot Question Regarding a Sales Tax Increase for Transportation

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends adoption of a resolution setting the title for a measure to increase the sales and use tax by 0.25% for transportation network improvements.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The City Council is considering placing a question on the April ballot asking the City electors to approve a 0.25% sales and use tax rate increase for improvements to the transportation network. Passage of the ballot measure will benefit the community by having an improved transportation network to address current and future growth, provide for efficient movement of people, goods and services, and improve safety for all users.

BACKGROUND OR DETAILED INFORMATION:

The Grand Junction City Council is considering placing a question on the April ballot asking the City electors to approve an additional 0.25% sales and use tax rate increase to fund transportation network improvements including: a) building regional road projects such as 29 Road and I-70 interchange, widening 25 Road, widening 24 Road and constructing an interchange at 24 Road and the Riverside Parkway, and construction of the F ½ Road Parkway; b) improving rural "farm" roads in the North, Redlands, Orchard Mesa, and Pear Park areas of the City by constructing turn lanes, sidewalks, bike lanes, curb, gutter, and comparable improvements. Locations

proposed for improvements include 23 Road, 24½ Road, 26 Road, 26½ Road, 27 Road, 27½ Road, B½ Road, D Road, D½ Road, E Road, F½ Road, G Road, and South Broadway.

If the ballot measure is approved, the city-wide sales and use tax will increase from two and three quarter percent (2.75%) to three (3.00%).

Because of continued growth in the community and the increasing demands on the City's transportation network, the City Council supports the ballot question and believes that passage of the question is vital to the health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of Grand Junction and the greater community. Sufficient roads, streets, and transportation facilities are important attributes for community strength and well-being; with passage of the ballot measure the community will benefit by having an improved transportation network to address current and future growth, provide for efficient movement of people, goods and services, and improve safety for all users.

FISCAL IMPACT:

If the voters approve a 0.25% sales and use tax increase, the revenues generated are estimated at \$5.3 million in 2020.

SUGGESTED MOTION:

I move to (adopt or deny) Resolution No. 08-19, a resolution setting the title for and submitting to the Electorate on April 2, 2019 a measure to authorize an additional City Sales and Use Tax of .25% and to retain and spend revenues as a voter approved revenue change as defined by Article X, Section 20 of the Colorado Constitution and expend the revenue for transportation network improvements.

Attachments

1. Transportation Sales Tax Resolution

RESOLUTION NO. __-19

A RESOLUTION SETTING THE TITLE FOR AND SUBMITTING TO THE ELECTORATE ON APRIL 2, 2019 A MEASURE TO AUTHORIZE AN ADDITIONAL CITY SALES AND USE TAX OF .25% AND TO RETAIN AND SPEND REVENUES AS A VOTER APPROVED REVENUE CHANGE AS DEFINED BY ARTICLE X, SECTION 20 OF THE COLORADO CONSTITUTION AND EXPEND THE REVENUE FOR TRANSPORTATION NETWORK IMPROVEMENTS

RECITALS:

The Grand Junction City Council at its January 28, 2019 meeting considered placing a question on the April ballot asking the City electors to approve an additional sales and use tax of .25% to fund transportation network improvements including without limitation:

- Building regional road projects such as 29 Road and I-70 interchange, widening 25 Road, widening 24 Road and constructing an interchange at 24 Road and the Riverside Parkway and, construction of the F1/2 Road Parkway; and,
- Improving rural “farm” roads in the North, Redlands, Orchard Mesa and Pear Park areas of the City by constructing turn lanes, sidewalks, bike lanes, curb, gutter and comparable improvements. Locations proposed for improvements include 23 Road, 24½ Road, 26 Road, 26½ Road, 27 Road, 27½ Road, B1/2 Road, D Road, D1/2 Road, E Road, F½ Road, G Road and South Broadway.

If the ballot measure is approved, the city-wide sales and use tax will increase from two and three quarter percent (2.75%) to three percent (3.00%).

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_____ Yes

_____ No

Adopted this _____ day of _____, 2019.

President of the Council

ATTEST:

City Clerk