

RESOLUTION NO. 15-19

A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF BALLOT QUESTION 2A

A MEASURE SUBMITTED TO THE ELECTORATE ON APRIL 2, 2019 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:

In the upcoming election, City voters will decide whether to approve an additional sales and use tax of .25% to fund transportation network improvements. If approved, the money from the tax proposed in question 2A will:

- Build regional road projects such as 29 Road and I-70 interchange, widen 25 Road, widen 24 Road and construct an interchange at 24 Road and the Riverside Parkway and, construct the F1/2 Road Parkway; and,
- Improve 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 ballot measure 2A is approved, the city-wide sales and use tax will increase from two and three quarter percent (2.75%) to three percent (3.00%).

Because of continued growth in the community and the increasing demands on the City's transportation system, the City Council supports question 2A 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 for community strength and well-being; with passage of measure 2A 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.

The City, and the services it provides, are principally funded by sales tax, a significant portion of which is derived from sales tax paid by visitors, out of area shoppers/non-City residents. Because Grand Junction is a regional hub, the tax burden on City residents is reduced by the out of area shoppers/non-City residents sharing the cost of the delivery of transportation facilities to all users.

While the City Council understands that tax increases are not popular, the need for this increase is here and now and as such the City Council finds and determines that the passage of measure 2A will significantly benefit our community.

The Colorado Fair Campaign Practices Act authorizes the City Council to take a position of support and pass a resolution concerning ballot issues. Consistent with that authority and after due and careful consideration the City Council has determined that the passage of measure 2A will significantly benefit our community.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the City Council of the City of Grand Junction does hereby state its support for measure 2A and that voters approve the measure for the reasons stated.

Dated this 6th day of March 2019.

GRAND JUNCTION CITY COUNCIL



Barbara Traylor Smith
President of the Council

ATTEST:



Wanda Winkelmann
City Clerk

