



City of Columbia

701 East Broadway, Columbia, Missouri 65201

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To: City Council

From: City Manager & Staff

Council Meeting Date: November 15, 2021

Re: Declaring the Results of the Special Election held on November 2, 2021

Executive Summary

This resolution formally declares the results of the special election held on November 2, 2021 to extend the one-eighth of one percent local parks sales tax.

Discussion

On November 2, 2021, the voters approved the following proposition:

Proposition 1: Shall the municipality of Columbia, Missouri impose a sales tax of one-eighth of one percent, for a period of ten (10) years, for the purpose of providing funding for local parks for the municipality?

The current one-fourth of one percent local parks sales tax is scheduled to be reduced to one-eighth of one percent on March 31, 2022. Approval of this proposition would keep the local parks sales tax rate at one-fourth of one percent for an additional ten (10) years.

The City intends to use this sales tax to fund land acquisition for parks, greenways and natural areas, maintenance improvements to existing parks and facilities, annual funding for equipment replacement and program scholarships, new facility and park development, land acquisition for trails and greenbelts and capital improvement projects for such, and contingency purposes.

A resolution has been prepared to formally declare the special election results as certified by County Clerk Brianna L. Lennon. Approval of the election results by Council is not required; however, staff prepares the resolution declaring the election results to create a permanent City record to track the outcome of the election.

Fiscal Impact

Short-Term Impact: None.

Long-Term Impact: None.



Strategic & Comprehensive Plan Impact

Strategic Plan Impacts:

Primary Impact: Organizational Excellence, Secondary Impact: Safe Neighborhoods, Tertiary Impact: Reliable Infrastructure

Comprehensive Plan Impacts:

Primary Impact: Livable & Sustainable Communities, Secondary Impact: Mobility, Connectivity, and Accessibility, Tertiary Impact: Environmental Management

Legislative History

Date	Action
08/02/2021	Ordinance No. 024718 (B233-21): Calling a special election in the City of Columbia, Missouri, to be held on Tuesday, November 2, 2021, on the question whether to extend the one-eighth of one percent local parks sales tax.
09/01/2021	Ordinance No. 24740 (B272-21): Amending and restating Ordinance No. 024718 to correct a technical error in the ballot language and reaffirming the call of a special election in the City of Columbia, Missouri, to be held on Tuesday, November 2, 2021, on the question whether to extend the one-eighth of one percent local parks sales tax; directing notification of the election authority; describing the form of the notice of election; declaring an emergency for enactment.
09/07/2021	R141-21: Declaring the intent of the City Council on utilization of the funds anticipated to be generated by the proposed ten (10) year extension of the one-eighth of one percent local parks sales tax; declaring priorities for expenditure of funds for additional parks projects in the capital improvement plan if additional funds become available.

Suggested Council Action

Adoption of the resolution.