



City of Columbia

701 East Broadway, Columbia, Missouri 65201

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To: City Council

From: City Manager & Staff

Council Meeting Date: April 18, 2022

Re: Declaring the Results of the April 5, 2022 Municipal Election and Special Election to Impose a Local Use Tax

Executive Summary

This resolution formally declares the results of the municipal election and special election to impose a local use tax held on April 5, 2022.

Discussion

On April 5, 2022, votes were cast for the following municipal officers:

Council Member-at-Large (Mayor)

Randy Minchew	7,729
David Seamon	2,930
Barbara Buffaloe	8,529
Tanya Heath	553
Maria Oropallo	121

Council Member, Third Ward

Karl Skala	1,102
Roy Lovelady	1,102

Council Member, Fourth Ward

Erica Pefferman	2,142
Nick Foster	3,565

Based on the results of the election, Barbara Buffaloe was duly elected Council Member-at-Large (Mayor), and Nick Foster was duly elected Council member of Ward 4. As there were an equal number of votes cast for the Ward 3 Council member candidates, pursuant to Sec. 115.517 RSMo the City Clerk shall issue a proclamation ordering a special election to determine which candidate is elected to the office, if necessary.

Furthermore, on April 5, 2022, the voters approved the following proposition:

Proposition 1: Shall the City of Columbia, Missouri impose a local use tax at the same rate as the total local sales tax rate, provided that if the local sales tax rate is reduced or raised by voter approval, the local use tax rate shall also be reduced or raised by the same action?



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A resolution has been prepared to formally declare the municipal and 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 an election.

Fiscal Impact

Short-Term Impact: Fiscal impact unknown at this time. The cost is based on the various entities who have placed an item on the ballot for any particular election.

In 2021, the City's proportionate share for the costs relating to this election was \$25,760.72 with 15 entities having items on the ballot. City of Columbia election items in 2021 included filling council member positions for Ward 2 and Ward 6. The prepayment cost for the 2022 municipal and special elections was \$53,822.68 with 18 entities participating.

Long-Term Impact: Unknown.

Strategic & Comprehensive Plan Impact

[Strategic Plan Impacts:](#)

Primary Impact: Not Applicable, Secondary Impact: Not Applicable, Tertiary Impact: Not Applicable

[Comprehensive Plan Impacts:](#)

Primary Impact: Not Applicable, Secondary Impact: Not applicable, Tertiary Impact: Not Applicable

Legislative History

Date	Action
01/03/2022	B399-21 (Ordinance No. 024876): Calling a special election, to be held on April 5, 2022, on the question whether to impose a local use tax.
01/18/2022	B1-22 (Ordinance No. 024895): Calling a municipal election for Council Member-at-large (Mayor) and Council Members for Wards 3 and 4.

Suggested Council Action

Adoption of the resolution.