

CITY OF WHEAT RIDGE, COLORADO
INTRODUCED BY COUNCIL MEMBER POND
Council Bill No. 17
Ordinance No. 1605
Series of 2016

TITLE: AN ORDINANCE GIVING NOTICE OF AND CALLING FOR A SPECIAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION TO BE HELD NOVEMBER 8, 2016 AND SUBMITTING A BALLOT QUESTION CONCERNING A TEMPORARY INCREASE OF ONE-HALF OF ONE CENT (0.50%) IN THE CITY'S SALES AND USE TAX RATE FOR TWELVE YEARS, WITHOUT INCREASING PROPERTY TAX, AND THE ISSUANCE OF DEBT TO FINANCE CITY INVESTMENT IN PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE TO FACILITATE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES

WHEREAS, the Home Rule Charter for the City of Wheat Ridge, Section 2.2 requires that a special election shall be called by resolution or ordinance of the City Council no less than 60 days in advance of such special election; and

WHEREAS, the Council is authorized to refer questions to the voters by the Home Rule Charter and by CRS 31-11-111; and

WHEREAS, the Council desires to give notice of and call a special election to be held on the same date as and coordinated with the general election on November 8, 2016.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WHEAT RIDGE, COLORADO:

Section 1. Special election called

Pursuant to the Wheat Ridge City Charter Sections 2.2 and 6.3 and CRS 31-10-501 and 31-11-111, the City hereby gives notice of and calls a Special Municipal Election to be held November 8, 2016 for the purpose of referring the Ballot Questions set forth in Section 2 to the voters of the City.

Section 2. Ballot question referred to voters

Ballot Question and Title:

SHALL THE CITY OF WHEAT RIDGE DEBT BE INCREASED BY UP TO \$33,000,000, WITH A REPAYMENT COST OF LESS THAN \$38,500,000, AND SHALL THE CITY OF WHEAT RIDGE TAXES BE INCREASED BY UP TO \$3,700,000 ANNUALLY IN THE FIRST FULL FISCAL YEAR, AND BY WHATEVER ADDITIONAL AMOUNT IS RECEIVED FOR 11 YEARS THEREAFTER, WITHOUT INCREASING PROPERTY TAX, BY

INCREASING THE RATE OF SALES AND USE TAX BY 1/2 CENT PER DOLLAR, WITH THE PROCEEDS TO BE USED ONLY FOR THE FOLLOWING PUBLIC INVESTMENTS:

- ANDERSON PARK IMPROVEMENTS
 - IMPROVEMENTS TO ANDERSON PARK TO PROVIDE UPGRADED, RENOVATED AMENITIES AND FACILITIES THAT ENHANCE RECREATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES AND MEET THE CURRENT NEEDS OF PARK AND FACILITY USERS AND TO REDUCE MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR COSTS; RENOVATIONS TO INCLUDE BUT NOT BE LIMITED TO, RENOVATION OF THE ANDERSON BUILDING AND OUTDOOR POOL LOCKER ROOMS AND IMPROVEMENTS TO SURROUNDING PARK AMENITIES - ESTIMATED PROJECT COST \$4,000,000;

- WADSWORTH BOULEVARD RECONSTRUCTION - 35TH AVENUE TO INTERSTATE-70
 - RECONSTRUCTION OF WADSWORTH BOULEVARD TO PROVIDE AN IMPROVED MULTI-MODAL TRANSPORTATION FACILITY AND STREETScape IMPROVEMENTS, TO RELIEVE AND MITIGATE SEVERE TRAFFIC CONGESTION AND FACILITATE REDEVELOPMENT AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES - ESTIMATED CITY SHARE OF TOTAL PROJECT COST \$7,000,000;

- WHEAT RIDGE - WARD COMMUTER RAIL STATION AREA
 - CONSTRUCTION OF STREET, BICYCLE/PEDESTRIAN, PUBLIC AMENITIES AND OTHER INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS TO ADDRESS TRAFFIC GROWTH AND FACILITATE REDEVELOPMENT AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES IN THE AREA SURROUNDING THE GOLD LINE STATION INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, RECONSTRUCTION OF RIDGE ROAD, 52ND AVENUE AND TABOR STREET, A TRAFFIC SIGNAL AT THE WARD ROAD/RIDGE ROAD INTERSECTION AND A PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE OVER RAILROAD TRACKS LINKING THE JOB CENTERS TO THE SOUTH - ESTIMATED CITY SHARE OF TOTAL PROJECT COST \$12,000,000;

- CLEAR CREEK CROSSING - MIXED-USE DEVELOPMENT SITE ON THE WEST SIDE OF I-70 AT 38TH AND YOUNGFIELD
 - CONSTRUCTION OF ON AND OFF HOOK RAMPS FROM INTERSTATE I-70 INTO THE CLEAR CREEK CROSSING DEVELOPMENT TO RELIEVE TRAFFIC CONGESTION AND IMPROVE VEHICULAR ACCESS AND TO FACILITATE REDEVELOPMENT AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT IN A NEW MIXED-USED, SALES TAX GENERATING REDEVELOPMENT SITE - ESTIMATED CITY SHARE OF TOTAL PROJECT COST \$10,000,000;

SUCH INCREASE IN THE SALES AND USE TAX RATE TO BEGIN ON JANUARY 1, 2017 AND END WHEN REVENUES FROM SUCH SALES AND USE TAX RATE INCREASE REACH \$38,500,000 OR ON DECEMBER 31, 2028, WHICHEVER OCCURS FIRST; SUCH DEBT TO BE SOLD IN ONE SERIES OR MORE AT A PRICE ABOVE, BELOW OR EQUAL TO THE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF SUCH DEBT AND ON SUCH TERMS AND CONDITIONS AS THE CITY MAY

DETERMINE, INCLUDING PROVISIONS FOR REDEMPTION OF THE DEBT PRIOR TO MATURITY WITH OR WITHOUT PAYMENT OF A PREMIUM OF NOT TO EXCEED 3.00%; AND SHALL THE REVENUES RAISED BY SUCH SALES AND USE TAX RATE INCREASE AND PROCEEDS OF SUCH DEBT, AND ANY OTHER REVENUE USED TO PAY SUCH DEBT, INCLUDING ANY INTEREST AND INVESTMENT INCOME THEREFROM, BE COLLECTED AND SPENT BY THE CITY AS A VOTER-APPROVED REVENUE CHANGE PURSUANT TO ARTICLE X, SECTION 20 OF THE COLORADO CONSTITUTION?

YES: _____

NO: _____


Section 3. Severability, Conflicting Ordinances Repealed. If any section, subsection or clause of this Ordinance shall be deemed to be unconstitutional or otherwise invalid, the validity of the remaining sections, subsections and clauses shall not be affected thereby. All other ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed.

Section 4. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall take effect upon final adoption and signature by the Mayor as permitted by Section 5.11 of the Home Rule Charter.

INTRODUCED, READ, AND ADOPTED on first reading by a vote of 8 to 0 on this 8th day of August, 2016, ordered published in full in a newspaper of general circulation in the City of Wheat Ridge, and Public Hearing and consideration on final passage set for August 22, 2016 at 7:00 p.m., in the Council Chambers, 7500 West 29th Avenue, Wheat Ridge, Colorado.

ADOPTED on second and final reading following public hearing and ordered published by a vote of 8 to 0 on the 22nd day of August, 2016.

SIGNED by the Mayor on this 22nd day of August, 2016.



Joyce Jay, Mayor


ATTEST:



Janelle Shaver, City Clerk



Approved As To Form



Gerald E. Dahl, City Attorney

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