

**A RESOLUTION**

specifying how the City Council intends to use funds that would be generated by the proposed extension of the one-eighth of one percent local parks sales tax.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBIA, MISSOURI, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. The City Council of the City of Columbia, Missouri states its intent to use the funds that would be generated by the proposed extension of the one-eighth of one percent local parks sales tax as follows:

**ACQUISITION/LAND PRESERVATION - \$2,025,000**

Acquire land for community parks, greenbelts, green space, wildlife corridors and natural area preservation	\$1,525,000	
Acquire land for new neighborhood parks (an amount up to)	<u>\$ 500,000</u>	\$ 2,025,000

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**IMPROVEMENTS TO EXISTING PARKS: \$4,765,000**

<u>Park Improvements (\$3,290,000)</u>	
Albert-Oakland Park – New Restroom	\$125,000
Albert-Oakland Park – Athletic Fields Renovation	\$150,000
Armory Renovation – Activity/Meeting Room Flooring	\$ 75,000
Atkins Park Phase II – Restrooms, Concessions, Ballfield	\$850,000
Cosmo-Bethel Park – Light Tennis Courts, Trail	\$150,000
Cosmo Park – Football/Lacrosse Field Improvements	\$150,000
Cosmo Park – New Restroom Soccer/Football Fields	\$125,000
Cosmo Park – Steinberg Playground Renovation	\$500,000
Douglass Park – Playground Renovation, Fitness Stations	\$100,000
Downtown Optimist Park Renovation	\$ 50,000
Fairview Park – Shelter Replacement, Playground, Parking	\$175,000
Nifong Park – Maplewood Barn, Parking	\$200,000
Shepard Boulevard Tennis Courts Renovation	\$ 75,000
Trail Restroom Improvements – Garth, Grindstone, MLK	\$315,000
Twin Lakes Recreation Area Improvements	<u>\$250,000</u>

<u>Annual Improvements (\$1,475,000)</u>		
Annual Roads and Parking Improvements	\$750,000	
Annual Joint City/School Playground Projects	\$125,000	
Annual Park Improvements – Major Maintenance	<u>\$600,000</u>	\$ 4,765,000

<b><u>TRAILS AND GREENBELTS: \$2,070,000</u></b>		
Grindstone Trail Development – Grindstone Nature Area to Confluence	\$1,570,000	
Annual Trail Improvements – Major Maintenance	<u>\$ 500,000</u>	\$ 2,070,000

**NEW FACILITY/PARK DEVELOPMENT - \$2,540,000**

<u>Neighborhood Parks (\$375,000)</u>		
Develop three new neighborhood parks:		
Barberry Neighborhood Park	\$125,000	
Jay Dix Neighborhood Park	\$125,000	
Strawn Road Neighborhood Park	<u>\$125,000</u>	

<u>Community Regional Parks (\$2,165,000)</u>		
Gans Creek Rec Area/Philips Park – Phase I Development	\$1,750,000	
Norma Sutherland Smith Park – Phase I	\$ 250,000	
Waters-Moss Park Phase I	<u>\$ 165,000</u>	\$ 2,540,000

<b><u>CONTINGENCY</u></b>		
Contingency of 5%		<u>\$ 600,000</u>
<b>BALLOT ISSUE TOTAL</b>		<b><u>\$12,000,000</u></b>

ADOPTED this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2010.

ATTEST:

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City Clerk

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Mayor and Presiding Officer

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

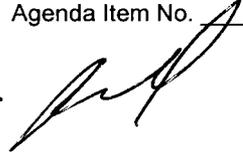
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City Counselor

**Source:**  
**Mike Hood** 

**FISCAL and VISION NOTES:**

Agenda Item No. \_\_\_\_\_

**TO: City Council**  
**FROM: City Manager and Staff**  
**DATE: August 5, 2010**  
**RE: Park Sales Tax Extension – Adoption of Ballot Proposal**



<b>City Fiscal Impact</b> Enter all that apply:	
\$0	City's current net FY cost.
\$0	Amount of Funds Already appropriated
\$0	Amount of budget amendment needed
\$0	Estimated 2 yr net costs: One-time
\$0	Operating / On-going
<b>Program Impact:</b>	
N	New program/ agency (Y/N)
N	Duplicates/expands an existing program (Y/N)
N	Fiscal impact on any local political subdivision (Y/N)
<b>Resources Required:</b>	
N	Requires add'l FTE personnel? (Y/N)
N	Requires additional facilities? (Y/N)
N	Requires additional capital equipment? (Y/N)
<b>Mandates:</b>	
N	Federal or state mandated? (Y/N)
<b>Vision Implementation Impact</b> Enter Below All That Applies: Refer to Website:	
Y	Vision Impact? (Y/N or if N, go no further)
Item #12.1	Primary Vision, Strategy and/or Goal Item#
Item #12.2	Secondary Vision, Strategy and/or Goal Item#
Task #41	FY10/FY11 Implementation Task#

**SUMMARY:**

Following the public hearing on the proposed extension of the 1/8 cent park sales tax for park capital improvements which was held at the August 2, 2010, City Council meeting, the Council directed staff to prepare a resolution adopting the detailed ballot proposal as amended (see attachment A). Such a resolution has been prepared and is being submitted to the Council for approval

**DISCUSSION:**

In November of 2005 Columbia voters passed a ballot measure extending the existing 1/8 park sales tax for a period of five years to fund a number of improvements/additions to the City's park system. That five year extension expires March 31 of 2011. The projects included in the 2005 ballot issue have been completed, are currently under construction, or are in the final stages of design.

In order to continue funding improvements to the park system, the City Council is considering placing an extension of the sales tax on the November 2, 2010 ballot. An extension of the 1/8 cent tax for five years is expected to generate approximately \$12 million. A detailed proposal as to how those funds would be allocated to various park improvements was drafted and submitted to Council for review.

A public hearing on the proposal to extend the sales tax as well as the detailed allocation of the funds expected to be generated by the extension was held at the August 2, 2010 City Council meeting . Following the public hearing, the Council approved the following amendments to the ballot proposal:

1. Decrease the funds allocated for Improvements to Existing Parks by \$225,000 by deleting the proposed phase II funding for Stephens Lake Park and increase the funds allocated to Land Acquisition and Preservation by that same \$225,000 amount.
2. Allocate the \$2,025,000 funds proposed for Land Acquisition and Preservation into two separate categories: (a.) \$1,525,000 to be used for the acquisition of land for community parks, greenbelts, green space, wildlife corridors, and natural area preservation; and (b.) An amount up to \$500,000 to be used for the acquisition of new neighborhood park properties.

As amended, the detailed ballot proposal allocates funds as follows: Land Acquisition and Preservation (\$2,025,000), Improvements to Existing Parks (\$4,765,000), Trails and Greenbelts (\$2,070,000), and New Park Development (\$2,540,000). The remaining 5% (\$600,000) will be reserved as contingency. Specific projects which would be completed if the ballot issue is approved by voters are identified in the improvements to existing parks, trails and greenbelts, and new park development categories (see attachment A).

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

Should the proposal to extend the 1/8 park sales tax be approved by the voters, approximately \$12 million would be generated for improvements to the City's park system over the five year period from April 2011 through March of 2016.

**VISION IMPACT:**

The proposal to extend the 1/8 cent park sales tax directly addresses goals 5.2, 12.1, 12.2, 12.3, and 12.4 of the Vision plan. Those goals call for the preservation of land for open space and the development of a park system which features a network of attractive well maintained parks, exciting and diverse recreational facilities, an extensive network of greenways, and an extensive, safe network of trails. Vision implementation task #41 specifically identifies the need to "develop and pass a ballot issue for the renewal or expansion of the park sales tax."

**SUGGESTED COUNCIL ACTIONS:**

Approve the resolution adopting the proposal specifying how the funds generated by the 1/8 cent park sales tax will be used provided the proposed extension is approved by voters.

# 2010 Ballot Proposal

## 1/8 Cent Park Sales Tax Renewal

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