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First Reading _____

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Ordinance No. _____

Council Bill No. B 194-13

AN ORDINANCE

calling a special election in the City of Columbia, Missouri, on the question whether to issue the Sewer System Revenue Bonds of the City of Columbia, Missouri, in the amount of \$32,340,000 for the purpose of constructing, improving, repairing, rehabilitating, replacing, equipping, expanding and extending the city-owned sewerage system; designating the time of holding the election; describing the form of the notice of election; authorizing and directing the city clerk to give notice of the election; and fixing the time when this ordinance shall become effective.

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

SECTION 1. A special bond election is hereby ordered to be held in the City of Columbia, Missouri, on Tuesday, November 5, 2013, on the following question:

PROPOSITION 1

Shall the City of Columbia, Missouri issue its Sewer System Revenue Bonds in the amount of Thirty-two Million Three Hundred Forty Thousand Dollars (\$32,340,000.00) for the purpose of constructing, improving, repairing, rehabilitating, replacing, equipping, expanding, and extending the City-owned sewerage system?

YES ()

NO ()

The authorization of the bonds will authorize the City to fix, establish, maintain and collect rates and charges for the use and services provided by the City through its sewerage system, including all improvements and extensions thereto hereafter constructed or acquired by the City, in addition to the other rates and charges for such services provided by law, as will produce income and revenues sufficient to provide funds to pay the costs of operation and maintenance of the sewerage system and the principal of and interest on the bonds as they become due and to retire the same within

twenty-five years from the date thereof, and to provide for the establishment of reasonable reserves therefor.

SECTION 2. The form of the Notice of Bond Election for the special election is hereby approved in substantially the form attached hereto as Exhibit A.

SECTION 3. The City Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to notify the Clerk of the County Commission of Boone County, Missouri, of the passage of this Ordinance no later than 5:00 o'clock p.m. on August 27, 2013, and to include in the notification all of the terms and provisions required by Chapter 115 of the Revised Statutes of Missouri, as amended.

SECTION 4. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage.

PASSED this _____ day of _____, 2013.

ATTEST:

City Clerk

Mayor and Presiding Officer

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

City Counselor

NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION
City of Columbia, Missouri

Notice is hereby given to the qualified voters of the City of Columbia, Missouri, that the City Council of the City has called an election to be held in the City on Tuesday, November 5, 2013, commencing at six o'clock a.m. and closing at seven o'clock p.m., on the question contained in the following sample ballot:

OFFICIAL BALLOT
Special Election
City of Columbia, Missouri
Tuesday, November 5, 2013

PROPOSITION 1

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☐ YES

☐ NO

The authorization of the bonds will authorize the City to fix, establish, maintain and collect rates and charges for the use and services provided by the City through its sewerage system, including all improvements and extensions thereto hereafter constructed or acquired by the City, in addition to the other rates and charges for such services provided by law, as will produce income and revenues sufficient to provide funds to pay the costs of operation and maintenance of the sewerage system and the principal of and interest on the bonds as they become due and to retire the same within twenty-five years from the date thereof, and to provide for the establishment of reasonable reserves therefor.

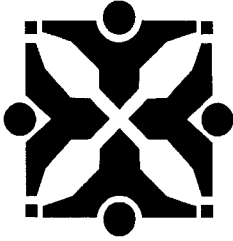
If you are in favor of the question, place an "X" in the box opposite "Yes". If you are opposed to the question, place an "X" in the box opposite "No".

The election will be held at the following polling places in the City:

[polling places to be added by election authority]

Dated this _____ day of _____, 2013.

Wendy Noren
Clerk of the County Commission



Source: Public Works

Agenda Item No:

To: City Council
From: City Manager and Staff

Council Meeting Date: Jul 15, 2013

Re: 2013 Sanitary Sewer Ballot Issue

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Staff has prepared for Council consideration a resolution setting a public hearing for August 5, 2013 for the 2013 sanitary sewer ballot issue. Staff has also prepared an ordinance calling for a special election in the City of Columbia, with the question of whether to issue sewer system revenue bonds in the amount of \$32,340,000, for the purpose of constructing, extending, expanding, improving, repairing, replacing and equipping the City-owned sanitary sewer system.

DISCUSSION:

Projects identified with the 2008 sewer ballot issue have been, or are being completed. Staff proposes a 2013 sewer ballot issue in order to fund additional capital improvements, and has prepared an ordinance calling for a special election to issue sewer system revenue bonds in the amount of \$32,340,000 for future projects. If the ordinance is approved by Council, the election will be held Tuesday, November 5, 2013. If approved by the voters, the bonds will be used to complete capital improvement projects for the City's existing sanitary sewer collection system and treatment facility, and to pay for the City's share of sewer line extensions in accordance with city policies.

Capital improvement projects for the City's sanitary sewer collection system include: replacing private common collector sewers, inflow and infiltration reduction projects, repair and rehabilitation of manholes and sewer lines, extending main sewer trunk lines in developing drainage basins, and eliminating existing wastewater treatment facilities that discharge into creeks flowing throughout the City. Additionally, capital improvements to complete the upgrade of the City's wastewater treatment facility include constructing the planned improvements to the digesters to meet reliability needs, regulatory requirements and rehabilitate existing facilities.

It is anticipated that the bonds will be issued over a five (5) year period, and will be repaid entirely by sanitary sewer user charges. The repayment will require rate increases of 6% in FY2015, 5% in FY2017 and 1% in FY2019. The rate increase will result in increases in the average monthly residential sewer bill of \$1.45 in FY2015, \$1.28 in FY2017 and \$0.27 in FY2019, for a total monthly increase of approximately \$3.00.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Staff proposes issuance of sewer system revenue bonds in the amount of \$32,340,000, to be repaid with rate increases of 6% in FY2015, 5% in FY2017 and 1% in FY2019. The rate increase will result in a total average monthly increase of approximately \$3.00.

VISION IMPACT:

<http://www.gocolumbiamo.com/Council/Meetings/visionimpact.php>

Columbia and its neighboring communities will be a place where the air, water, land, and natural aesthetic qualities of our environment shall be protected by a combination of conservation strategies including, but not limited to, regulations and ordinances, conservation incentives, education programs, and smart growth planning.

SUGGESTED COUNCIL ACTIONS:

If, after public input and Council discussion at the Public Hearing, Council wishes to proceed with the 2013 sewer ballot issue, approve the ordinance calling a special election of whether to issue the Sewer System Revenue bonds.

FISCAL and VISION NOTES:					
City Fiscal Impact Enter all that apply		Program Impact		Mandates	
City's current net FY cost	\$0.00	New Program/ Agency?	No	Federal or State mandated?	No
Amount of funds already appropriated	\$0.00	Duplicates/Expands an existing program?	No	Vision Implementation impact	
Amount of budget amendment needed	\$0.00	Fiscal Impact on any local political subdivision?	No	Enter all that apply: Refer to Web site	
Estimated 2 year net costs:		Resources Required		Vision Impact?	Yes
One Time	\$0.00	Requires add'l FTE Personnel?	No	Primary Vision, Strategy and/or Goal Item #	9.1
Operating/ Ongoing	\$0.00	Requires add'l facilities?	No	Secondary Vision, Strategy and/or Goal Item #	
		Requires add'l capital equipment?	No	Fiscal year implementation Task #	

Separate Sanitary Sewer Systems Monthly Residential User Rates

