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Second Reading _____

Ordinance No. _____

Council Bill No. B 190-10

AN ORDINANCE

calling a special election in the City of Columbia, Missouri, to be held on Tuesday, November 2, 2010, 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; 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 election is hereby ordered to be held in the City of Columbia, Missouri, on Tuesday, November 2, 2010, on the following question:

PROPOSITION 1

SHALL THE MUNICIPALITY OF COLUMBIA, MISSOURI IMPOSE A SALES TAX OF ONE-EIGHTH OF ONE PERCENT, FOR FIVE (5) 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, 2011. APPROVAL OF THIS PROPOSITION WOULD KEEP THE LOCAL PARKS SALES TAX RATE AT ONE-FOURTH OF ONE PERCENT FOR AN ADDITIONAL FIVE (5) YEARS.

THE CITY INTENDS TO USE THIS SALES TAX TO FUND PROJECTS IN THE CITY'S PARKS, RECREATION AND OPEN SPACE MASTER PLAN INCLUDING RENOVATIONS AND IMPROVEMENTS TO EXISTING PARKS, DEVELOPMENT OF NEIGHBORHOOD AND COMMUNITY PARKS, DEVELOPMENT OF TRAILS AND GREENBELTS, AND THE ACQUISITION OF LAND FOR PARKS, TRAILS, GREENBELTS AND OPEN SPACE PRESERVATION.

SECTION 2. The City Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to notify the Clerk of the County Commission of Boone County, Missouri, of the adoption of this ordinance no later than 5 o'clock p.m. on August 24, 2010, and to include in the notification all of the terms and provisions required by Chapter 115, RSMo.

SECTION 3. The form of the notice of election shall be substantially as set forth on "Exhibit A" attached hereto and made a part hereof as fully as if set forth herein verbatim.

SECTION 4. The election shall be held and conducted, and the results thereof canvassed and returned, in all respects in accordance with the laws of the State of Missouri and the Charter and Ordinances of the City of Columbia, Missouri.

SECTION 5. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage.

PASSED this _____ day of _____, 2010.

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 2, 2010, 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 2, 2010

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- YES
 NO

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 _____, 2010.

Wendy Noren
Clerk of the County Commission

Source:
Mike Hood 

Agenda Item No. _____

FISCAL and VISION NOTES:

TO: City Council
FROM: City Manager and Staff 
DATE: July 26, 2010
RE: Park Sales Tax Extension Ballot Proposal

City Fiscal Impact 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:
\$0	One-time
\$0	Operating / On-going
Program Impact:	
N	New program/ agency (Y/N)
N	Duplicates/expands an existing program (Y/N)
N	Fiscal impact on any local political subdivision (Y/N)
Resources Required:	
N	Requires add'l FTE personnel? (Y/N)
N	Requires additional facilities? (Y/N)
N	Requires additional capital equipment? (Y/N)
Mandates:	
N	Federal or state mandated? (Y/N)
Vision Implementation Impact 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#

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Staff is recommending the Council approve an ordinance placing the proposed extension of the 1/8 cent park sales tax on the November 2, 2010, ballot. This 1/8 cent sales tax is currently used to fund capital improvements to the City's park system and is scheduled to expire as of March 31, 2011. If the proposed extension of the sales tax is placed on the November ballot, voters will have the option to approve the sales tax for an additional five years.

A public hearing on the ballot issue proposal has been scheduled for the August 2 City Council meeting. It is recommended that the Council hold the public hearing on the ballot proposal and introduce the ordinance at the August 2 meeting. Following the public hearing on the 2nd, the Council should consider passage of the ordinance at the August 16th Council meeting.

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 has been drafted. That proposal currently allocates funds among four major categories: land acquisition/preservation (\$1,800,000), improvements to existing parks (\$4,990,000), 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 have been identified in the improvements to existing parks, trails and greenbelts, and new park development categories (see attached ballot detail proposal).

To place the ballot proposal on the November 2 ballot, an ordinance authorizing such action needs to be passed by Council at the August 16 Council meeting. Prior to final consideration of that ordinance, Council has scheduled a public hearing on the ballot proposal for the August 2 Council meeting.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Placing the ballot issue on the November general election ballot will require the City to pay for a portion of the cost of the election. The cost of the election will be charged to the City Clerk's budget. The cost of the election is not known at this time as it will depend on the number of items ultimately placed on the ballot.

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 12.1, 12.2, 12.3, and 12.4 of the Vision plan. Those goals call for 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:

1. Introduce the ordinance and conduct the public hearing at the August 2 City Council meeting.
2. Approve the ordinance placing the proposed extension of the 1/8 cent park sales tax on the November 2010 election ballot at the August 16 Council Meeting..

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2010 Ballot Proposal
1/8 Cent Park Sales Tax Renewal

Acquisition/Land Preservation - \$1,800,000

Acquire land for community and neighborhood parks, trails/greenbelts, and natural area preservation. Priorities to be determined by Council based upon city-wide growth patterns, availability of land, potential for full or partial donation, existing natural features, and staff recommendations. \$1,800,000

Improvements To Existing Parks: \$4,990,000

Park Improvements (\$3,515,000)

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 Stns.	\$ 100,000
Downtown Optimist Park Renovation	\$ 50,000
Fairview Pk – Shelter Replacement, Playground, Parking	\$ 175,000
Nifong Park – Maplewood Barn, Parking	\$ 200,000
Shepard Boulevard Tennis Courts Renovation	\$ 75,000
Stephens Lake Phase II – Shelter, Parking	\$ 225,000
Trail Restroom Improvements – Garth, Grindstone, MLK	\$ 315,000
Twin Lakes Recreation Area Improvements	<u>\$ 250,000</u>

Annual Improvements (\$1,475,000)

Annual Roads and Parking Improvements	\$ 750,000
Annual Joint City/School Playground Projects	\$ 125,000
Annual Park Improvements- Major Maintenance	<u>\$ 600,000</u>
	\$4,990,000

Trails and Greenbelts: \$2,070,000

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

New Facility/Park Development - \$2,540,000

Neighborhood Parks (\$375,000)

Develop three new neighborhood parks:

Barberry Neighborhood Park	\$ 125,000	
Jay Dix Neighborhood Park	\$ 125,000	
Strawn Road Neighborhood Park	<u>\$ 125,000</u>	

Community/Regional Parks (\$2,165,000)

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

Contingency

Contingency of 5%	<u>\$ 600,000</u>	
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Ballot Issue Total **\$12,000,000**