Memo

To: Mayor and City Council

From: David Watson, City Manager

Date: January 12, 2011

Re: Ordinance to Set a Special Election

ISSUE

The City Council has an opportunity to create funding for storm water improvements by calling for the election of a ¼% additional sales tax. The ballot language allows the sales tax proceeds to be used to acquire (land, equipment), maintain, and construct storm water improvements. The estimated annual revenue is $310,000 per year for the ¼% sales tax.

The State of Missouri statutes allow local governments to add up to an additional ½% sales tax for storm water so it allows additional revenue (above the recommended ¼%) if needed, by vote of the people. This proposed additional ¼% would put the total local sales tax at 1.750% and leaves the city an additional 3/4 % cap, as the maximum allowed is 2.5%. The new tax is proposed to have a 23 year sunset (year 2033) to cover a 20 year lease purchase. The lease purchase could be secured through a collaborative effort involving our local banks. Any new or additional sales taxes go into effect on the 1st day of the 2nd calendar quarter after election. For the April 5th ballot, if approved by the voters, it would be first collected on October 1, 2011.

Staff has been working with Mark Young, an independent Civil Engineer who has experience in advance engineering planning in storm water and sewer (I and I) work. After some site evaluation, basic hydraulic study, and how identified improvements (21 projects) work within the basin systems of Cameron, an estimate of cost as been developed. The engineer's estimates are attached.

At this point, staff has identified over 21 projects or areas of storm water concern. Currently, we have resolved several of the projects and have estimated the remaining (including Walnut St.) may cost as much as $3,600,000. This number is down considerably from our original estimates of $6,664,000 during the last election. Staff proposes to secure a lease purchase of approximately $2,700,000 to complete the largest single project on Walnut Street. We are planning for there to be sufficient annual revenue to pay both the debt service and also leave money for annual costs such as Streetscape and the remaining smaller projects. We could then apply any available grants. We are currently working on defining our storm water basins as a first step and will use that data to scope our projects.

The Sewer, Water, and Storm Water Committee met Thursday, January 13th to discuss this issue and have recommended that Council consider a 23-year sunset with ¼% sales tax on Tuesday

night. This additional ¼% sales tax would be sufficient to pay the lease purchase and complete smaller projects, with all known improvements completed within 8 years.

RECOMMENDATION
Call for elections to see if sufficient people support storm water improvements. City Staff recommend that the City Council approve.

Staff asks that Council read and approve this Ordinance on all readings and finalize the vote as the deadline to certify is January 25, 2011.

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Re: Storm Water Plan Costs from Mark Young

The following is from Mark Young and describes how and what was included in his estimate to complete the current Storm Water Improvement Plan. It was taken from an email.

David,
I have completed an estimate of the cost of storm drainage improvements for the three locations along Walnut Street. In addition, I am providing a rougher estimate of costs for the other locations that are on the City's list of storm improvements. The locations along Walnut were prepared with some detail; the others were given less effort. I included an estimate of engineering and capital improvement costs in the 2 basins on the west side of the City that we discussed. These estimates may be less accurate than the others since we need to complete the planning phase before we know what improvements should be made. I believe these costs to be conservative, but they are a good budget estimate since costs may rise and since there are significant unknowns involved. The improvements along Walnut are separated by a basin, though all three basins are ultimately tributary to the same stream.

Drainage Improvement Costs	
Walnut 4th to 8th	$ 1,200,000
Walnut @ Cornhill	$ 385,000
Walnut @ Northland	$ 900,000
Basin Plans (engineering)	$ 150,000
Improvements in basins	$ 400,000
Miscellaneous locations	$ 350,000
Total	$ 3,385,000
Grand Total (Utilities)	$ 3,600,000

I can provide the details for the development of these figures at your request, and I am available to discuss as usual. I know you were thinking in the ballpark of $2 million to bond, and I was concerned that it was a little low as we talked, but I could not provide a figure without doing at least a little work on it. The estimate at Walnut and Northland may be a little high in that I am less certain what size the storm drain needs to be there. It currently seems to discharge at Clinton Drive and there may be a way to make a smaller project by using some of the existing drain system east of Walnut.

Bill 2011-9

AN ORDINANCE CALLING A SPECIAL ELECTION APRIL 5, 2011 TO IMPOSE A ONE QUARTER OF ONE PERCENT SALES TAX FOR STORM WATER IMPROVEMENTS IN THE CITY OF CAMERON, CLINTON AND DeKALB COUNTIES, MISSOURI AND PROVIDING THE ISSUE BE SUBMITTED TO THE QUALIFIED VOTERS OF THE CITY OF CAMERON

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

Section 1. A special election is hereby ordered to be held in the City of Cameron, Missouri, on April 5, 2011, on the following question:

QUESTION

> **Shall the City of Cameron, Missouri, be authorized to impose a storm water sales tax of 1/4 of one percent until December 31, 2033, with the City to use the sales taxes collected for the purpose of providing funds to acquire, construct, furnish, maintain and improve storm water control facilities?**

Section 2. The form of the Notice of Special Election for said special election, a copy of which is attached hereto and made a part hereof, is hereby approved.

Section 3. The City Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to notify the County Clerks of Clinton County, Missouri and Dekalb County, Missouri, of the adoption of this Ordinance no later than 4:00 P.M. on January 25, 2011, and to include in said notification all of the terms and provisions required by the Comprehensive Election Act, 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 and approval.

Read two times, passed and approved this 18th day of January 2011.

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Mayor Dennis M. Clark

ATTEST:

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City Clerk

NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION

CITY OF CAMERON, MISSOURI

Notice is hereby given to the qualified voters of the City of Cameron, Missouri, that the City Council of the City has called a special election to be held in the City on April 5, 2011, commencing at 6:00 A.M. and closing at 7:00 P.M., on the question contained in the following sample ballot:

OFFICIAL BALLOT

SPECIAL ELECTION

CITY OF CAMERON, MISSOURI
APRIL 5, 2011

QUESTION

Shall the City of Cameron, Missouri, be authorized to impose a storm water sales tax of 1/4 of one percent until December 31, 2033, with the City to use the sales taxes collected for the purpose of providing funds to acquire, construct, operate, maintain and improve storm water control facilities?

YES ☐
NO ☐

INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS: 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:

PRECINCT	POLLING PLACE
_____	_____
_____	_____

DATED: _____, 2011.

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County Clerk of _____County, Missouri