BILL 2011-69

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AGENDA ITEM

TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Mark S. Gaugh, Interim City Manager

DATE: November 21, 2011

RE: Sales Tax Ordinances for Streets and Storm Water

Issues

Maintenance of our city streets and storm water system is an important part of overall municipal operations. The condition and age of our infrastructure varies throughout the city. Staff has worked on a general street maintenance plan in order to address problem areas according to condition rating and traffic volume. The Streets Committee has proposed a 1/2 cent Transportation Sales Tax. The tax will sunset after ten years. After that period, the voters can decide to extend or terminate the tax. The Water/Sewer and Storm Water Committee proposed a ¼ cent sales tax that will sunset in twenty years. A storm water analysis was done and recommendations were provided in a report by Mark Young, P.E., a storm water engineering consultant for the City.

These two initiatives were placed on the November 8, 2011 ballot, and passed with a majority of the vote.

Recommendation

Staff recommends that the Council approve the proposed ordinances on full reading, declaring the results of the November 8, 2011 election.

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AN ORDINANCE DECLARING THE RESULTS OF THE PUBLIC ELECTION HELD IN THE CITY OF CAMERON, MISSOURI, ON NOVEMBER 8, 2011; AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY TO IMPOSE A STORM WATER SALES TAX ON RETAIL SALES

WHEREAS, the City Council of City of Cameron, Clinton and DeKalb Counties, Missouri, under the authority of powers given to the City by the provisions of Section 644.032, RSMo, as amended (the "Act"), has determined that it is in the best interests of the City to impose a city sales tax for storm water control purposes at the rate of one-quarter of one percent (1/4 of 1%) on the receipts from all retail sales within the City which are subject to taxation under Sections 144.010 to 144.525, inclusive, RSMo, such sales tax to expire 20 years after its effective date; and

WHEREAS, no ordinance imposing a sales tax pursuant to the Act shall be effective unless the City Council submits to the voters of the City a proposal to authorize the imposition of the tax, and a majority of the voters approve such proposal; and

WHEREAS, an election was held November 8, 2011 and the results are hereby declared.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CAMERON, CLINTON AND DeKALB COUNTIES, MISSOURI, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. It is hereby found and declared that the vote at the election held in the City of Cameron, Missouri, on Tuesday, November 8, 2011, on the following question:

QUESTION

> Shall the City of Cameron, Clinton and DeKalb Counties, Missouri, impose a sales tax of one-quarter of one percent (1/4 of 1%) for the purpose of acquiring, constructing, improving, repairing, maintaining and operating storm water control measures within the City, in order to reduce potential for flood damage to public and private property, and to reduce public health and safety risks caused by inadequate storm water control, such sales tax to expire 20 years after its effective date?

Resulted as follows:	Yes	No
	346	289

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Section 2. It is hereby found and declared that said election was duly held and conducted in conformity with the constitution and statutes of the State of Missouri, and in all respects regular and valid, that a majority of the qualified voters voting on said question at said election voted in favor of the imposition of said sales tax, and that the City is duly authorized and empowered to impose said sales tax in the amount and for the purpose aforesaid.

Section 3. The said sales tax approved by the voters as described above shall be deemed to apply to all sales of metered water services, electricity, electrical current and natural, artificial or propane gas, wood, coal or home heating oil for domestic use only.

Section 4. This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage.

Read two times, passed and approved this 21st day of November 2011.

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Mayor Frank A. Buck

Attest:

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City Clerk

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