



## **REQUEST FOR COUNCIL ACTION**

**AGENDA DATE:** 7-11-22

**AGENDA ITEM:** Consider a resolution approving the referendum language to establish a local sales tax in the City of Grand Rapids for IRA Civic Center Improvements.

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### **BACKGROUND:**

The City obtained authorization from the State legislature to conduct a referendum asking the City residents if they want to pay for improvements at the IRA Civic Center with a local sales and use tax. The attached resolution moves the question to the General Election ballot which will be held on November 8, 2022. If the residents approve the question, the City will not have to utilize property taxes to pay for the entire local share.

Please note that if approved, the local option sales tax will end, by State law, when the \$5,980,000 is collected.

### **REQUESTED COUNCIL ACTION:**

Make a motion to approve a resolution approving the referendum language to establish a local sales tax in the City of Grand Rapids for IRA Civic Center Improvements.