



Agenda Item Summary

MEETING DATE: September 30, 2024

SUBJECT: **Resolution No. 75-R-2024** - A Resolution of the Board of Trustees of the Town of Mead, Colorado, Urging the Registered Electors of the Town of Mead to Vote “Yes” on the Ballot Issue Seeking Approval of a \$739.8 Million Bond for the St. Vrain Valley School District (Ballot Issue 5C) at the November 5, 2024 Election

PRESENTED BY: Lorelei Nelson, Public Information Officer/Community Engagement Director

SUMMARY

The Board of Trustees (the “Board”) requested a resolution be presented supporting passage of Ballot Issue 5C, which is the ballot issue seeking approval of a \$739.8 million bond for the St. Vrain Valley School District (the “District”). The District’s Board of Education has placed Ballot Issue 5C on the November 5, 2024 state-wide election ballot. Passage of Ballot Issue 5C will ensure the District’s continued investment in school buildings and commitment to academic excellence, accountability, and safety. If approved, the bond would be used to perform critical building maintenance, enhance and expand instructional space for career and technical education programming, provide additional classrooms and construct new school buildings, and continue to improve safety and security at schools.

Additional information regarding the proposed bond issue is available here:

<https://www.svvsd.org/proposed-2024-bond-initiative/>

Resolution No. 75-R-2024 (the “Resolution”) memorializes the Board’s support for Ballot Issue 5C and urges all registered electors of the Town of Mead to vote “YES” on Ballot Issue 5C at the November 5, 2024 election.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

None. The funding proposal would not increase property taxes.

LEGAL ISSUES

As the Board is aware, under the Fair Campaign Practices Act (“FCPA”), the Town is prohibited from expending public money to urge voters to vote in favor or against any ballot issue. C.R.S. § 1-45-117(1). This restriction applies to all of the ballot issues and questions through the date of the election. There are a few exceptions to this restriction, including an allowance for the Board to adopt a resolution or take a position of advocacy on any ballot question or issue. The Board is also allowed under the FCPA to report the “passage of or distribute a resolution of advocacy through established, customary means, other than paid advertising, by which information about other proceedings of the Board is regularly provided to the public.” C.R.S. § 1-45-117(1)(b)(III). Accordingly, the Board’s adoption of the attached Resolution expressing the Board’s support for Ballot Question 5C is expressly allowed under the FCPA

and may be published on the Town’s website, as are other resolutions and ordinances adopted by the Board.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION/ACTION REQUIRED

Suggested Motion:

“I move to approve Resolution No. 75-R-2024, a Resolution of the Board of Trustees of The Town of Mead, Colorado, Urging the Registered Electors of the Town of Mead to Vote “Yes” on the Ballot Issue Seeking Approval of a \$739.8 Million Bond for the St. Vrain Valley School District (Ballot Issue 5C) at the November 5, 2024 Election.”

ATTACHMENTS

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