



AGENDA ITEM ANALYSIS

Project/Issue Name: 22-20 An Ordinance of the City Council Calling an Election on the Question of Renewing a City Sales Tax for Local Parks to Fund Parks & Recreation General Operations; Designating the Time for Holding Said Election; and Authorizing and Directing the City Clerk to Give Notice to the County Clerks of Said Election.

Submitted By: Jared Keeling, Parks & Recreation Director/Assistant City Administrator

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Issue Statement

Consideration of an Ordinance calling for a vote regarding the renewal of an existing sales tax for local parks funding Parks & Recreation general operations.

Discussion and/or Analysis

In 1990, the citizens of Republic voted to impose a one-quarter cent local parks sales tax to assist in funding general park operations with a 14-year sunset. In 2002, the citizens of Republic voted in favor of extending the imposition of this one-quarter cent local parks sales tax for an additional 20 years. The tax is set to expire in March 2024.

The one-quarter cent local parks sales tax has, and continues to, assist the Parks & Recreation Department in funding general park operations including personnel, park beautification and maintenance, facility upkeep and maintenance, operating expenditures, and special events and programming. The current one-quarter cent local parks sales tax is estimated to generate \$918,550.00 in 2022, covering 27.27% of operating expenditures for the Parks & Recreation Department.

We are requesting approval to place the renewal of the one-quarter cent local parks sales tax on the August 2, 2022, ballot with a 25-year sunset.

Recommended Action

Staff recommends approval.