



AGENDA ITEM ANALYSIS

Project/Issue Name: 22-21 An Ordinance of the City Council Calling an Election on the Question of Renewing a City Sales Tax to Fund Parks & Recreation Capital Improvement Projects; 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 funding Parks & Recreation capital improvement projects.

Discussion and/or Analysis

In 2003, the citizens of Republic voted to impose a one-quarter cent parks capital improvements sales tax to assist in funding Parks & Recreation capital improvement projects with a 20-year sunset. The tax is set to expire in September 2024.

The one-quarter cent parks capital improvement sales tax provided the Parks & Recreation Department a funding source to construct and open the Republic Aquatic Center in 2005. Additional funding generated by the tax allowed for construction of The Amp @ J.R. Martin Park and Republic Veterans Memorial. Funding also allowed for the purchase and development of Brookline Park and Owen Park and various updates and amenities within existing parks.

If placed on the ballot and ultimately renewed, the one-quarter cent parks capital improvements sales tax would assist in funding additional capital improvement projects including, but not limited to, expansion of the Republic Aquatic Center, development of a large community park featuring a regional sports complex, and the development of a farmers market/community event space at J.R. Martin Park.

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

Recommended Action

Staff recommends approval.