July 21, 2020

TO: City Council

REQUESTED BY: Angela Walton, City Clerk

APPROVED BY: Robert A. Johnson, City Manager

SUBJECT: Ballot Measure Resolutions

RECOMMENDATION:
That the City Council approve:


2. Resolution No. 3823, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN JACINTO, CALIFORNIA, REQUESTING THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE TO CONSOLIDATE A GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON NOVEMBER 3, 2020 WITH THE STATEWIDE GENERAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON THAT DATE PURSUANT TO ELECTIONS CODE SECTION 10403

3. Resolution No. 3824, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN JACINTO, CALIFORNIA, REQUESTING THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE TO CONSOLIDATE A GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON NOVEMBER 3, 2020 WITH THE STATEWIDE GENERAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON THAT DATE PURSUANT TO ELECTIONS CODE SECTION 10403

DISCUSSION:
At the City Council meeting on June 16, 2020, the City Council directed staff to prepare the required documents to place an ordinance on the ballot of the November 3, 2020, general municipal election to increase the sales and use tax in the City by 1 cent. This item is requesting that the City Council approve the ballot title and question, as well as the three resolutions required to place the ordinance on the November 3, 2020 ballot. In order for such a measure to be placed on the ballot, it must be adopted by a two-thirds vote of the Council, which requires four out of five members to vote in support. If approved by the City Council, the documents will be transmitted to the necessary County departments.
The resolution related to the sales tax measure includes the proposed sales tax ballot measure ordinance. If approved, the resolution will authorize the tax measure to be placed on the ballot. Voters will be asked whether to impose a local one cent (1¢) per dollar Transactions and Use Tax (“TUT”) (sales tax) on the sale and/or use of all tangible personal property sold at retail locations in the City of San Jacinto. The proposed ballot question is included in the resolution and reads as follows:

“SAN JACINTO EMERGENCY RESPONSE, PUBLIC SAFETY, LOCAL CITY SERVICES MEASURE: To maintain San Jacinto’s finances; 911 emergency, medical, fire protection/public safety response rates; support local businesses/retain jobs; improve local drinking water; address homelessness; investigate/prevent property crimes; clean and maintain public areas; repair roads/potholes; other general services, shall the measure establishing a 1¢ sales tax providing approximately $3,200,000 annually until ended by voters be adopted, requiring public disclosure, all funds used in San Jacinto?”

The proposed action includes three resolutions. The first resolution is to place the measure on the ballot. This resolution includes the ordinance that would become part of the City Code if the measure is approved by the voters. It also directs the City Attorney to prepare an impartial analysis of the measure. The second resolution requests consolidation of the local ballot measure with the statewide general election. The County elections department will therefore perform the canvass of ballots. The third resolution provides for the filing of primary arguments by August 17, 2020, at 5:00 p.m., and the filing of rebuttal arguments by August 27, 2020, at 5:00 p.m.

Because the proposed sales tax is a general tax, the ballot measure will pass if approved by more than 50% of the voters.

FISCAL IMPACT:
Based on the City’s current sales tax revenue, approval of an additional 1 cent is expected to result in additional revenues of approximately $3,200,000 to the City’s general fund.

ATTACHMENTS

Resolution No. 3822
Resolution No. 3823
Resolution No. 3824
Ordinance No. 20-10

ATTACHMENTS:
San Jacinto - Resolution Calling General November 2020 Election on General Transactions and Use Tax (7.16.20)-c1
San Jacinto - Resolution Requesting Consolidation of Election with Riverside County - TUT (7.16.20)-c1
San Jacinto - Resolution Setting Deadlines and Rules for Arguments and Rebuttals - TUT Tax (7.16.2020)-c1