



MEMORANDUM

Council Agenda
Item No. IX.S.
5/30/2017

The City of OKLAHOMA CITY

TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: James D. Couch, City Manager

Special Election Proclamation by the Mayor to be introduced, set for public hearing June 13, 2017 and final hearing June 20, 2017, for the calling and holding of a special election on September 12, 2017, to submit Ordinance No. 25,750, levying a 1/4% sales tax, to City voters.

Background

The City Council met in a workshop on April 18, 2017 to discuss the 2017 General Obligation Bond program and a potential sales tax initiative. A proposal to use a portion of the sales tax initiative to support operations for police, fire, and other general City services was discussed at the workshop and was generally supported by the Council.

The recommendation is to set a special election for Tuesday, September 12, 2017 for Ordinance No. 25,750, which establishes a 1/4% sales tax with an effective date for the tax levy of January 1, 2018. A separate resolution will declare the City Council's intent for use of the revenue generated by the sales tax levy.

In order to call the special election, State law requires the Mayor of the municipality to issue a proclamation to call a special election. This requirement is set forth in 11 O.S. § 16-112. Compliance with this statutory requirement will be achieved for the September 12, 2017 special election on Ordinance No. 25,750, if Council adopts the Proclamation and the City Clerk then publishes the Proclamation on August 30 and September 6, 2017.

Review

Finance Department

Recommendation: Proclamation be introduced, set for public hearing June 13, 2017 and final hearing June 20, 2017.

Attachment