City of Kansas City, Missouri

Docket Memo

Ordinance/Resolution #: 260859
Submitted Department/Preparer: Law
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Docket memos are required on all ordinances initiated by a Department Director. More information can be found in Administrative Regulation (AR) 4-1.

Executive Summary

Calling an election on April 6, 2027, for the purpose of submitting two questions to the voters of Kansas City that would enact an ordinance that imposes a one-fourth cent (1/4%) sales tax and continues a three-eighths cent (3/8%) sales tax and authorizing the City to seek federal funding and undertake capital improvement projects involving the development of a citywide monorail system, conversion of existing roadways, operation of an electric bus shuttle service, improvements to Penn Valley Park, and establishment of a regional transportation hub at Union Station; enacting the sales taxes contingent upon voter approval of each question; directing the City Clerk to provide notice of the election; directing the City Clerk to provide notice to the Director of Revenue if either or both of the sales tax questions are passed by the voters; and recognizing an accelerated effective date.

Discussion

The Notice of Election shall read as follows: NOTICE OF ELECTION CITY OF KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI. Notice is given to the qualified voters of the City of Kansas City, Missouri, that the City Council of the City has called a special election to be held in the City on April 6, 2027, commencing at 6:00 A.M. and closing at 7:00 P.M., on the questions contained in the following sample ballot: OFFICIAL BALLOT CITY OF KANSAS CITY GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION APRIL 6, 2027 QUESTION NO. ___ (Capital Improvements Sales Tax) SHALL THE FOLLOWING BE APPROVED? Shall the City adopt an ordinance that authorizes the City to seek federal funding and undertake capital improvement projects consisting of: (1) development of a citywide monorail system connecting Kansas City International Airport, the Northland, Downtown, Union Station, the Plaza, the East Side, and the Kansas City Zoo; operation of electric shuttle bus service serving monorail stations; and extension of the streetcar line to 18th and Vine; (2) conversion of designated roadways, including portions of Troost Avenue and West 39th Street, to corridors with restricted through-traffic and dedicated facilities for pedestrians, bicycles, scooters, and electric buses; (3) improvements to Penn Valley

Park, including expanded tree planting, open space, and recreational trails, with restrictions on vehicular traffic within the park; and (4) establishment of a regional transportation hub at Union Station, including acquisition of property at 2300 and 2301 Main Street through eminent domain if necessary, to provide connections among rail, streetcar, bus, airport, and other transportation services and impose a sales tax of one-fourth cent (1/4%) for the purpose of funding capital improvements which may include the retirement of debt under previously authorized bonded indebtedness? ___ For the Ordinance ___ Against the Ordinance QUESTION NO. ___ (Public Transit Sales Tax) SHALL THE FOLLOWING BE APPROVED? Shall the City adopt an ordinance that authorizes the City to seek federal funding and continue a city three-eighths (3/8%) sales tax for a period of 40 years beginning in 2033 for the purpose of undertaking capital improvement projects consisting of: (1) development of a citywide monorail system connecting Kansas City International Airport, the Northland, Downtown, Union Station, the Plaza, the East Side, and the Kansas City Zoo; operation of electric shuttle bus service serving monorail stations; and extension of the streetcar line to 18th and Vine; (2) conversion of designated roadways, including portions of Troost Avenue and West 39th Street, to corridors with restricted through-traffic and dedicated facilities for pedestrians, bicycles, scooters, and electric buses; (3) improvements to Penn Valley Park, including expanded tree planting, open space, and recreational trails, with restrictions on vehicular traffic within the park; and (4) establishment of a regional transportation hub at Union Station, including acquisition of property at 2300 and 2301 Main Street through eminent domain if necessary, to provide connections among rail, streetcar, bus, airport, and other transportation services? This would continue the existing sales tax authorized by Section 94.605 of the Revised Statutes of Missouri and scheduled to expire on March 31, 2034 but alter its approved uses beginning in 2033 through 2073. ___ For the Ordinance ___ Against the Ordinance. Instructions to voters will be supplied by the election authorities.

Fiscal Impact

1. Is this legislation included in the adopted budget? ☐ Yes ☒ No

2. What is the funding source?
   This legislation has no additional fiscal impact as April 6th, 2027 is the next regularly scheduled municipal election.

3. How does the legislation affect the current fiscal year?
   This legislation has no additional fiscal impact as April 6th, 2027 is the next regularly scheduled municipal election.

4. Does the legislation have a fiscal impact in future fiscal years? Please notate the difference between one-time and recurring costs.
   No

5. Does the legislation generate revenue, leverage outside funding, or deliver a return on investment?
   No

Office of Management and Budget Review
(OMB Staff will complete this section.)

1. This legislation is supported by the general fund.	☐ Yes	☒ No
2. This fund has a structural imbalance.	☐ Yes	☒ No
3. Account string has been verified/confirmed.	☐ Yes	☒ No

Additional Discussion (if needed)
This legislation has no additional fiscal impact as April 6th, 2027 is the next regularly scheduled municipal election.

Citywide Business Plan (CWBP) Impact

1. View the Adopted 2025-2029 Citywide Business Plan

2. Which CWBP goal is most impacted by this legislation?
   Finance and Governance (Press tab after selecting.)

3. Which objectives are impacted by this legislation (select all that apply):

   ☐ Ensure City Government is responsive, representative, engaged, and transparent; particularly when faced with unforeseen challenges.
   ☐ Operate an efficient City government workforce through effective employee recruitment, development, retention, and engagement.
   ☐ Present a realistic view of financial indicators for improved communications on impact to the City.
   ☐
   ☐
   ☐

Prior Legislation

Ordinance No. 260610

Service Level Impacts

Unknown.

Staff Recommendation

Law Department

Select One: ☒ Sponsored
☐ Directive: Res/Ord # Click to enter Res/Ord. No.

Select One: ☐ Recommend
☐ Do Not Recommend
☒ Not Applicable

No recommendation. This is an ordinance prepared by the Law Department at the directive of the council. The original substance of the ballot language comes from a related ordinance sponsored by committee of petitioners and presented to the City Council pursuant to Charter Sec. 701 et seq.

Other Impacts

1. What will be the potential health impacts to any affected groups?
   N/A

2. How have those groups been engaged and involved in the development of this ordinance?
   N/A

3. How does this legislation contribute to a sustainable Kansas City?
   N/A

4. Does this legislation create or preserve new housing units?
   Please Select (Press tab after selecting)

   N/A
   Click or tap here to enter text.

5. Department staff certifies the submission of any application Affirmative Action Plans or Certificates of Compliance, Contractor Utilization Plans (CUPs), and Letters of Intent to Subcontract (LOIs) to CREO prior to, or simultaneously with, the legislation entry request in Legistar.

   No - CREO's review is not applicable (Press tab after selecting)
   Please provide reasoning why not:
   Click or tap here to enter text.

6. Does this legislation seek to approve a contract resulting from an Invitation for Bid?

   No(Press tab after selecting)

   Click or tap here to enter text.

7. Does this legislation seek to approve a contract resulting from a Request for Proposal/Qualification (RFP/Q)?
   No(Press tab after selecting)