

City Council – Action Request Form

Date: May 21, 2018

To: The City Manager

From: Lisa M. Saunders, Chief Financial Officer

Council Action Requested:

Items Regarding the Proposed November 6, 2018 General Obligation Bond Referendum.

Strategic Focus Area: Service Excellence

Strategic Objective: Maintain City’s Financial Strength

Strategic Plan Action Item: Yes

Key Work Item: Yes



Summary of Information:

The following items start the legal process required to call a bond referendum on November 6, 2018. The legally required public hearing will be scheduled for the City Council meeting on August 6, 2018.

1. Resolution of the City Council of the City of Winston-Salem, North Carolina Directing the Publication of Notice of Intention to Apply to the Local Government Commission for Approval of Bonds.
2. Resolution of the City Council of the City of Winston-Salem, North Carolina Authorizing the Chief Financial Officer to Apply to the Local Government Commission for Approval of the City’s Proposed General Obligation Street and Sidewalk Bond Financing, General Obligation Public Safety Facilities Bond Financing, General Obligation Parks and Recreation Bond Financing, General Obligation Housing Bond Financing, and General Obligation Economic Development Bond Financing, and to Submit Such Application to the Local Government Commission.
3. Resolution of the City Council of the City of Winston-Salem, North Carolina Making Certain Statements of Fact Concerning Proposed Bond Issue.

The City Council may begin the legal process for a possible General Obligation Bond Referendum for the above mentioned capital improvements and listed in Exhibit A. Attached is a report on community input, including the community bond meetings held in March and April. Approval by the City Council of the above-mentioned resolutions establishes the purposes and the maximum amounts for each purpose for the proposed Bond Referendum.

Committee Action:

Committee	<u>Finance 5/14/18</u>	Action	<u>Approval</u>
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For	<u>Unanimous</u>	Against	<u></u>
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Remarks:

In the first resolution the City Council is directing the publication of Notice of Intention to apply to the Local Government Commission for approval of bonds to be published in the Winston-Salem Journal and Winston-Salem Chronicle on or about May 24, 2018.

The second resolution of the City Council authorizes the Chief Financial Officer to apply to the Local Government Commission for approval of the City's proposed general obligation bonds financings.

In the third resolution the City Council determines and asks the Local Government Commission to determine the following:

- a. that the proposed bonds are necessary and expedient to pay the capital costs for streets and intersections, new roadways, and sidewalks; public safety facilities; multifamily housing, and renewal of neighborhoods; and economic development projects;
- b. that the proposed amount for each purpose is adequate and not excessive;
- c. that the city's debt management procedures and policies are excellent and have been carried out in compliance with law;
- d. that the city's budgetary and fiscal management procedures and policies have been carried out in compliance with law; and
- e. that the schedule for issuing the bonds will require a property tax increase.

We recommend approval of these resolutions.