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City Administrator – Ray Gosack

City Clerk – Sherri Gard

Board of Directors

Ward 1 – Keith D. Lau

Ward 2 – Andre’ Good

Ward 3 – Mike Lorenz

Ward 4 – George Catsavis

At Large Position 5 – Pam Weber

At Large Position 6 – Kevin Settle

At Large Position 7 – Philip H. Merry Jr.

AGENDA ~ Summary
Fort Smith Board of Directors
Special Meeting / Study Session
June 10, 2014 ~ 12:00 Noon
Fort Smith Public Library Community Room
3201 Rogers Avenue

SPECIAL MEETING

ROLL CALL

- All present, except Lorenz
- Vice-Mayor Kevin Settle presiding

PRESENTATION BY MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF ANY ITEMS OF BUSINESS NOT ALREADY ON THE AGENDA FOR THIS MEETING

(Section 2-37 of Ordinance No. 24-10)

No additional item requested.

1. Ordinance calling for a special election in the city of Fort Smith, Arkansas on the question of increasing the tax on real and personal property in the city of Fort Smith, Arkansas from one (1) mill to three (3) mills to be levied and collected for maintenance and operation of the public city library, and for other purposes
Approved 5 in favor, 1 opposed (Catsavis) / Ordinance No. 31-14

ADJOURN

12:07 p.m.

STUDY SESSION

CALL TO ORDER

- All present (*Director Mike Lorenz arrived during presentation of Study Session Item No. 1*)
- Vice-Mayor Kevin Settle presiding

1. Presentation of draft report on the water and wastewater financial policies
Presentation only by Burns & McDonnell. A final policy is expected to be presented to the Board of Directors by the end of 2014.

2. Discussion regarding legal services for the City of Fort Smith ~ *Merry/Weber placed on agenda at the June 3, 2014 regular meeting ~*
Merry/Weber placed two (2) resolutions on the June 17, 2014 regular meeting, which are summarized as follows:
 - a. Resolution directing the City Administrator to proceed with an independent audit of fees paid to Daily & Woods, P.L.L.C. for general legal services provided to the City of Fort Smith ~ *DRAFT TITLE ~*
 - b. Resolution creating an ad hoc committee to review financial feasibility of legal services provided to the City of Fort Smith to be by contract or employment
~ *DRAFT TITLE ~*
3. Review preliminary agenda for the June 17, 2014 regular meeting

ADJOURN

1:33 p.m.

ORDINANCE NO. 31-14

AN ORDINANCE CALLING FOR A SPECIAL ELECTION IN THE CITY OF FORT SMITH, ARKANSAS ON THE QUESTION OF INCREASING THE TAX ON REAL AND PERSONAL PROPERTY IN THE CITY OF FORT SMITH, ARKANSAS, FROM ONE (1) MILL TO THREE (3) MILLS TO BE LEVIED AND COLLECTED FOR MAINTENANCE AND OPERATION OF THE PUBLIC CITY LIBRARIES, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

WHEREAS, pursuant to Amendment 30 to the Arkansas Constitution, one hundred or more taxpayers of the city of Fort Smith may file a petition with the Mayor asking for an increase in the library tax upon real and personal property be levied and collected for the maintenance and operation of the public city libraries and requiring that the question be submitted to the electors; and,

WHEREAS, such a petition has been submitted to the Mayor in proper form with the required number of signatures.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED AND ENACTED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE CITY OF FORT SMITH, ARKANSAS, THAT:

SECTION 1: That there be, and there is hereby called a special election to be held on August 12, 2014, at which election there shall be submitted to the electors of Fort Smith the question of increasing the annual tax levied on real and personal property for the maintenance and operation of the Fort Smith Public Libraries.

SECTION 2: That the ballot title to be used at said special election shall be in the following form:

PROPOSED INCREASE OF LIBRARY TAX FROM ONE (1) MILL TO THREE (3) MILLS ON ASSESSED VALUATION OF REAL AND PERSONAL PROPERTY IN THE CITY OF FORT SMITH, ARKANSAS.

ON THE QUESTION OF INCREASING THE LIBRARY TAX AUTHORIZED PURSUANT TO AMENDMENT 30 TO THE ARKANSAS CONSTITUTION FROM ONE (1) MILL TO THREE (3) MILLS ON REAL AND PERSONAL PROPERTY LOCATED IN THE CITY OF FORT SMITH TO BE USED FOR MAINTENANCE AND OPERATION OF THE FORT SMITH PUBLIC LIBRARIES.

FOR increase of tax on real and personal property located in the city of Fort Smith to be used for the maintenance and operation of the Fort Smith Public Libraries from one (1) mill to three (3) mills.

AGAINST increase of tax on real and personal property located in the city of Fort Smith to be used for the maintenance and operation of the Fort Smith Public Libraries from one (1) mill to three (3) mills.

SECTION 3: That the results of the election shall be certified by the Election Commission and proclaimed by the Mayor, and his proclamation shall be published one time in a newspaper having general circulation in the City, which proclamation shall be conclusive unless attacked in the courts within thirty days.

SECTION 4: That the Mayor and City Clerk, for and on behalf of the City, are directed to do all things necessary to call and hold the special election and to perform all acts necessary to carry out the intent of this Ordinance.

SECTION 5: Emergency Clause. It is determined that the time requirements for timely presenting the matter for consideration to the electorate at a special election on August 12, 2014, constitute an emergency regarding the effective date of this ordinance. It is, therefore, determined that this ordinance shall become effective immediately upon passage.

THIS ORDINANCE ADOPTED this 10th day of June, 2014.

APPROVED:



VICE-MAYOR

ATTEST:



CITY CLERK

Approved as to form:



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