CITY OF WEST DES MOINES
CITY COUNCIL MEETING COMMUNICATION

Date: November 27, 2017

ITEM: Resolution of the City of West Des Moines providing notice to the Polk County, Iowa Commissioner of Elections regarding submission of the question of imposition of a local option sales and services tax to registered voters of the City of West Des Moines, Polk County, Iowa

FINANCIAL IMPACT: Revenue to be collected through Polk County, by way of one cent per dollar in revenue sales collected.

BACKGROUND: It has been determined to be in the best interest of the residents of West Des Moines to enact a 1% Local Option Sales and Service Tax upon Polk County, considering such a tax already exists in Dallas and Warren County parts of West Des Moines.

A motion to request that Polk Co. Commissioner of Elections submit the question of the imposition for an unlimited time of a 1% sales and services tax to the registered voters of the incorporated and unincorporated areas of Polk County is required by state code.

Should the Commissioner receive motions from the governing bodies of the incorporated and unincorporated areas within Polk County that represent at least one-half of the population of Polk County, a special referendum election will be held in accordance with State of Iowa Code.

West Des Moines, in conjunction with several other contiguous metro communities will be requesting this of the Commissioner to total the necessary population base.

OUTSTANDING ISSUES (if any): None

RECOMMENDATION: Approval of resolution providing notice to the Polk County Commissioner of Elections regarding submission of the question of imposition of a local sales and services tax to the registered voters of the City of West Des Moines, Polk County, Iowa

Lead Staff Member: Dick Scieszinski, Tom Hadden, Jamie Letzring

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Recommendation	Yes	No	

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Resolution No. _____

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WEST DES MOINES, IOWA PROVIDING NOTICE TO THE POLK COUNTY, IOWA COMMISSIONER OF ELECTIONS REGARDING SUBMISSION OF THE QUESTION OF IMPOSITION OF A LOCAL OPTION SALES AND SERVICES TAX TO REGISTERED VOTERS OF THE CITY OF WEST DES MOINES, POLK COUNTY, IOWA

WHEREAS, Section 423B.1(4)(b) of the Code of Iowa authorizes a county commissioner of elections to submit the question of the imposition of a local option sales and services tax to the registered voters of the incorporated and unincorporated areas of a county, upon receipt of a resolution from the governing bodies of the incorporated and unincorporated areas of a county representing at least one-half of the population of a county; and

WHEREAS, it has been determined to be in the best interests of the residents of Polk County, Iowa, that a local option sales and services tax be imposed in Polk County, in order to provide property tax relief and funds for capital projects, buildings and improvements, equipment, roads, bridges, parks, recreation facilities, trails, conservation, economic development and other lawful purposes; and

WHEREAS, it has been recommended that the City Council of the City of West Des Moines, Iowa, approve a resolution to request that the Polk County Commissioner of Elections submit the question of the imposition for an unlimited time of a one percent (1%) sales and services tax to the registered voters of the incorporated and unincorporated areas of Polk County at such time as the Commissioner receives resolutions from the governing bodies of the incorporated and unincorporated areas within Polk County that represent at least one-half of the population of Polk County;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of West Des Moines, Iowa, that this City Council approves submitting to the Polk County Commissioner of Elections a Resolution of this Council for the imposition for an unlimited time of a one percent (1%) sales and services tax on the portion of the incorporated area of the City of West Des Moines, Iowa, that is located in Polk County, Iowa.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the City Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to submit a copy of this Resolution to the Polk County Commissioner of Elections, requesting the imposition for an unlimited time of a one percent (1%) sales and services tax on the portion of the incorporated area of the City of West Des Moines, Iowa, that is located in Polk County, Iowa, at the earliest time after the Commissioner has received resolutions from the governing bodies of the incorporated and unincorporated areas within Polk County that represent at least one-half of the population of Polk County, and, in accordance with the provisions of Section 423B.1(4)(b), submit a copy of this Resolution to the Board of Supervisors of Polk County.

Passed and Approved this _____day of _____, 2017.

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Steven K. Gaer, Mayor

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Ryan T. Jacobson, City Clerk