

A RESOLUTION CALLING FOR A SPECIAL CITY ELECTION ON MAY 23, 1978 FOR A GENERAL FUND TAX LEVY, AND RESETTING THE NEIGHBORHOOD STREET LIGHT LEVY TO THE SAME DATE.

WHEREAS, the Budget Committee reviewed related information and unanimously recommended that a \$60,000 General Fund Tax Levy for one year for fiscal year 1978-79 be referred to the voters; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that without such a levy that City funds are inadequate to provide such basic City services as 24-hour police coverage, and whereas the Council believes the City desires such service; and

WHEREAS, a State Primary election is already set for May 23, 1978; and whereas the Council desires to simplify the voting process, including the previously scheduled March 14 date for the Neighborhood Street Light Levy; now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TROUTDALE, THAT:

1. a General Fund Operating Levy of \$60,000 shall be referred to the voters as follows:

#51 GENERAL FUND OPERATING LEVY

QUESTION: Shall a one-year special general fund operating levy of \$60,000 be authorized for fiscal year 1978-79?

EXPLANATION: The City Council upon recommendation of the Budget Committee has referred this proposal to the legal voters of the City of Troutdale. A special general fund operating levy is necessary to maintain the current level of City services. The operations in 1977-78 were aided by a large Federal grant which has been substantially reduced for 1978-79. Without the levy, the City can only provide 8 - 12 hours of police protection. The Oregon constitution limits the City's tax base dollars (\$12,468 in 1977-78) to increases of 6% per year without special voter approval, regardless of population or assessed value changes. If this measure is approved, the operating budget to be financed by local taxes for tax year 1977-78 will be \$60,748 greater than the preceeding year.

YES, for the special tax \_\_\_\_\_

NO, against the special tax \_\_\_\_\_

ALSO, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, THAT:

2. the 4-year serial levy of \$32,000 each year for Neighborhood Street Lighting shall be referred to the voters at the May 23, 1978 election as follows:

#52 NEIGHBORHOOD STREET LIGHT LEVY

QUESTION: Shall a temporary four-year serial levy tax of \$32,000 per year for fiscal years 1978-79, 1979-80, 1980-81 and 1981-82 be authorized for the purpose of operating neighborhood street lighting?

EXPLANATION: The City Council with the recommendation of the Citizen's Street Lighting Task Force has referred this measure to the legal voters of the City of Troutdale. City funds are not sufficient to provide street light operating cost unless this measure is approved. The other alternative financing plans of Petition Districts or Special Districts are more costly per household than the recommended serial levy. This levy would replace all petition districts and provide neighborhood lighting to all neighborhoods desiring lights.

AND, BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, THAT:

3. both the one-year General Fund Operating Levy (#51) and the four-year Neighborhood Street Light Serial Levy (#52) shall be referred to the voters along with the State-wide primary election issues on May 23, 1978.

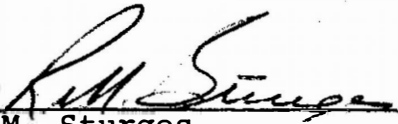
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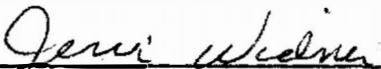
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PASSED THIS 14th DAY OF February 1978.

YEAS: 5

NAYS: 0

  
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R. M. Sturges,  
Mayor

  
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ATTEST:  
Terri Widner,  
City Recorder