



# MEMORANDUM

Council Agenda  
Item No. IX.R.  
5/30/2017

## The City of OKLAHOMA CITY

TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: James D. Couch, City Manager

Resolution No. I to be introduced, set for public hearing June 13, 2017 and final hearing June 20, 2017, authorizing and directing the Mayor to call a Special Election for the purpose of submitting to the registered voters of The City of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, the question of approval or rejection of Ordinance No. 25,750 amending the City sales tax code, Chapter 52, Article II, of the Oklahoma City Municipal Code, 2010, by the enactment of a Section 52-23.6, which levies a sales tax of one-fourth percent (1/4%) on all sales taxable under the sales tax laws of the State of Oklahoma; specifying the proposition to be submitted to voters; providing that the call for the election shall be by proclamation and that the returns thereof shall be canvassed by the county election boards pursuant to state law and certified to the Mayor and Council.

### Background

The City Council met in a workshop on April 18, 2017 to discuss the 2017 General Obligation Bond program and a potential sales tax initiative. A proposal to use a portion of the sales tax initiative to support operations for police, fire, and other general City services was discussed at the workshop and was generally supported by the Council.

The recommendation is to set a special election for Tuesday, September 12, 2017 for Ordinance No. 25,750, which establishes a 1/4% sales tax with an effective date for the tax levy of January 1, 2018. A separate resolution will declare the City Council's intent for use of the revenue generated by the sales tax levy.

The attached Resolution Number I is required by 11 O.S. § 16-101 and 16-112 for a municipality to call and hold a special election on the issue of approval of a proposed tax.

If approved, Resolution Number I will authorize a special election on Ordinance No. 25,750 to be held on Tuesday, September 12, 2017, and it will further authorize the Mayor to issue a Special Election Proclamation. Resolution Number I directs that certain other actions be taken that are legally necessary to hold the special election, including publication of the Resolution by the City Clerk on August 23 and 30, and September 6, 2017.

The proposed Ballot for the special election on Ordinance No. 25,750 is attached to Resolution Number I as Exhibit "A."

Review

Finance Department

Recommendation: Resolution be introduced, set for public hearing June 13, 2017 and final hearing June 20, 2017.

Attachment