



Ferndale City Council
REQUEST FOR COUNCIL ACTION
 Department Prepared By: CITY CLERK'S OFFICE

AGENDA BILL #12-02-004

TITLE

Ordinance
 Resolution
 Motion
 Info Only
 Discussion

Date Council Action Requested: February 6, 2012

Prepared by: Sam Taylor, City Clerk

Reviewed By:

Date: Feb. 1, 2012

SUBJECT: Resolution in support of Ferndale Transportation Benefit District Proposition 1.

Committee: P&LU PW&U F&A PH&NS
 PS&L Ad-Hoc

Mayor X

City Administrator X

City Clerk's Office X

Community Development Dept

Public Works Department X

City Attorney's Office

Finance Director X

Police Department

Board/Commission

Hearings Examiner

ACTION REQUESTED:

VOTE NEEDED TO PASS:

SUMMARY: On February 14, 2012, City of Ferndale voters will consider whether or not to approve a two-tenths of 1 percent sales and use tax increase to be explicitly used for transportation improvements within city limits. The tax increase would change the sales tax from 8.5 percent to 8.7 percent. It would amount to an additional 20 cents for every \$100 spent, or \$2 for every \$1,000 spent.

The increase would generate about \$300,000 annually based on existing taxable retail sales. Due to a decline in available state and federal funding, the City finds itself in need of other revenue sources for necessary transportation improvement and maintenance revenues.

DISCUSSION/ANALYSIS/ISSUES: Public Works & Utilities Committee members voted unanimously to request the City Clerk author a resolution in support of the Ferndale TBD Proposition 1 ballot measure, and recommend approval of said resolution to the full council.

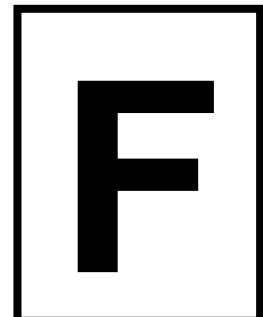
RECOMMENDATIONS: Motion to approve AB #12-02-004.

FISCAL IMPACT:

ALTERNATIVES:

ATTACHMENTS:

Resolution



RESOLUTION NO.

**A RESOLUTION OF THE FERNDALE CITY COUNCIL SUPPORTING THE
TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT SALES TAX MEASURE ON THE FEBRUARY 14, 2012
BALLOT**

WHEREAS, an estimated \$15.64 million in street maintenance and reconstruction is needed in Ferndale; and

WHEREAS, about 27 percent of the City of Ferndale's 55 miles of road lanes are in need of full reconstruction due to lack of funding for maintenance projects; and

WHEREAS, in recent years state and federal funding for projects continues to decline and become increasingly more competitive due to the economic recession; and

WHEREAS, the City currently has a small retail sales tax base, making accruing funds for such projects difficult on its own; and

WHEREAS, the Ferndale Transportation Benefit District Board of Directors has placed a ballot measure before voters seeking a two-tenths of 1 percent sales tax increase for transportation improvements, costing 20 cents more for every \$100 in taxable purchases; and

WHEREAS, it is estimated that the increase would generate approximately \$300,000 annually for necessary transportation improvements; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Ferndale City Council to show the council supports the measure as a necessary increase for badly-needed transportation improvements;

NOW THEREFORE THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FERNDALE DO RESOLVE:

That the Ferndale City Council endorses a "Yes" vote on Ferndale Transportation Benefit District Proposition 1 "Sales and Use Tax for Transportation Improvement" before voters on February 14, 2012.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Ferndale in regular session this 6th day of February, 2012.

ATTEST:

Gary Jensen, MAYOR

Sam Taylor, CITY CLERK