

CITY OF MOUNTLAKE TERRACE

RESOLUTION NO. 781

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MOUNTLAKE TERRACE, WASHINGTON, EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR CITY OF MOUNTLAKE TERRACE PROPOSITION NO. 1, THE BALLOT MEASURE WHICH CURRENTLY READS: THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MOUNTLAKE TERRACE ADOPTED ORDINANCE NO. 2711 CONCERNING A PROPOSITION FOR FINANCING CIVIC CAMPUS IMPROVEMENTS. IF APPROVED, THIS PROPOSITION WOULD AUTHORIZE THE CITY TO ISSUE BONDS TO CONSTRUCT A NEW CITY HALL AND EXPAND THE POLICE STATION. IT WOULD AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF NOT MORE THAN \$12,500,000 OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS MATURING WITHIN 30 YEARS, AND AUTHORIZE THE ANNUAL LEVY OF EXCESS PROPERTY TAXES TO PAY SUCH BONDS, AS PROVIDED IN ORDINANCE NO. 2711

WHEREAS, the City Council has adopted goals to, “Protect and Enhance the City’s Financial Health and Stability while Maintaining Appropriate and Essential Public Services in a Cost Effective Manner,” “Review, Prioritize and Implement Capital Infrastructure Projects to Include the Development of a Strategy to Address the City’s Aging Public Facilities,” and “Implement Civic Center Plan to Include Financing Options for Voter Consideration;” and

WHEREAS, the City of Mountlake Terrace is currently leasing an Interim City Hall facility at a cost of approximately \$500,000 per year, funded in part with a voter-approved levy lid lift through 2020; and

WHEREAS, Mountlake Terrace taxpayers would save at least \$18 million by owning rather than continuing to rent over a 50-year life of the new Civic Campus building that will be constructed to a 50-100 year standard; and

WHEREAS, the 2008 Mountlake Terrace Community Satisfaction Survey showed a majority of the community support the construction of a new City Hall and Police Station at the Civic Center; and

WHEREAS, 57 percent of Mountlake Terrace voters favored Proposition 1 in the August 2012 election, though the measure did not reach the required 60% threshold by 124 votes; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has carefully considered many options for housing city services including continuing to lease the Interim City Hall with funding from a property tax levy lid lift or cutting essential city services, purchasing an existing office building within Mountlake Terrace through a voter-approved capital bond measure, and reducing the size and cost of the previous Civic Campus Plan and funding it with voter-approved capital bonds; and

WHEREAS, the City Council appointed a nine-member City Hall Advisory Committee to work with the community in 2017 to develop a plan to fund, design and construct a City Hall and an expansion to the Police Station; and

WHEREAS, as a result of the City Hall Advisory Committee's work with the community, the City Council has adopted an ordinance placing a measure on the November 7, 2017, ballot for voter consideration that is one-half the cost of previous Civic Campus measures; and

WHEREAS, the Civic Campus improvements will serve as a catalyst for transformation and stimulate private reinvestment in our downtown; and

WHEREAS, the issue of a new Civic Campus has been studied by City Councils since the 1980s, and the current City Council has followed a deliberate and methodical process involving vast community input including City Hall Advisory Committee meetings and open houses, community presentations and specialized webpages for public comment; and

WHEREAS, on June 5, 2017, the City Hall Advisory Committee made a recommendation for the development and construction of a Civic Campus to include meeting spaces, an expanded police station and city offices; and

WHEREAS, the City does not have the financial capacity to fund large projects of this size; and

WHEREAS, the Mountlake Terrace community has a long history of funding civic projects through voter-approved tax levies including the old Civic Center (1960), Recreation Pavilion (1964), Evergreen Playfield (1975), Sno-Isle Library District (1986) and Police Station/Fire Department Equipment (1986); and


WHEREAS, the benefit to our community will be immediate as both our Town Center and Civic Campus will become regional references for a sustainable community and economic development, creating a place that the community can take pride in; and

WHEREAS, on July 20, 2017 the City Council passed Ordinance No. 2711, calling for an election to be held on November 7, 2017, for the purpose of presenting to the voters a ballot measure calling for the issuance of bonds for the construction of a new Civic Campus and other improvements as listed in the Ordinance.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MOUNTLAKE TERRACE, WASHINGTON, HEREBY RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. **Position of Support.** The City Council of the City of Mountlake Terrace, Washington, takes an official position in support of Mountlake Terrace Proposition No. 1, Concerning Issuance of Bonds for the Construction of a City Hall and expanded Police Station at the Civic Campus, and urges voters to vote in favor of the proposition at the November 7, 2017 election.

PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MOUNTLAKE TERRACE at a regular open public meeting thereof this 7th day of August, 2017, and signed in authentication of its passage this 7th day of August, 2017.



Mayor Jerry Smith

ATTEST: 

City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM: 

Gregory G. Schrag, City Attorney