

**City of Carson City
Agenda Report**

Date Submitted: 4-8-08

Agenda Date Requested: 4-17-08

Time Requested: 30 minutes

To: Board of Supervisors

From: Mayor

Subject Title: Action to Adopt Resolution No. _____, A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A BALLOT QUESTION FOR THE ENACTMENT OF A SALES TAX OF ONE-EIGHTH OF ONE PERCENT IN ORDER TO CONTRIBUTE \$10 MILLION TO THE VIRGINIA AND TRUCKEE RAILROAD CONSTRUCTION PROJECT IN RETURN FOR 5% OF THE GROSS RIDERSHIP REVENUE FOR 99 YEARS, ESTABLISHING THE EXPLANATION FOR THE BALLOT QUESTION, DIRECTING THE CARSON CITY CLERK TO BRING TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS A RECOMMENDATION REGARDING WHO SHOULD BE APPOINTED TO THE COMMITTEES TO PREPARE ARGUMENTS FOR AND AGAINST THE BALLOT QUESTION, REQUIRING THE CARSON CITY CLERK TO SET THE LENGTH OF AN ARGUMENT AND REBUTTAL AND THE DATE BY WHICH IT MUST BE SUBMITTED TO THE CLERK, AND OTHER MATTERS PROPERLY RELATED THERETO.

Staff Summary: Nevada Revised Statute 293.482 allows Carson City to ask the advice of registered voters on any question which it has under consideration. This resolution begins the process to allow the City to place an advisory question on the ballot at the general election.

Type of Action Requested: (check one)
☒ Resolution ☐ Ordinance
☐ Formal Action/Motion ☐ Other (Specify)

Does This Action Require A Business Impact Statement: ☐ Yes ☒ No

Recommended Board Action: I MOVE TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. _____, A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A BALLOT QUESTION FOR THE ENACTMENT OF A SALES TAX OF ONE-EIGHTH OF ONE PERCENT IN ORDER TO CONTRIBUTE \$10 MILLION TO THE VIRGINIA AND TRUCKEE RAILROAD CONSTRUCTION PROJECT IN RETURN FOR 5% OF THE GROSS RIDERSHIP REVENUE FOR 99 YEARS, ESTABLISHING THE EXPLANATION FOR THE BALLOT QUESTION, DIRECTING THE CARSON CITY CLERK TO BRING TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS A RECOMMENDATION REGARDING WHO SHOULD BE APPOINTED TO THE COMMITTEES TO PREPARE ARGUMENTS FOR AND AGAINST THE BALLOT QUESTION, REQUIRING THE CARSON CITY CLERK TO SET THE LENGTH OF AN ARGUMENT AND REBUTTAL AND THE DATE BY WHICH IT MUST BE SUBMITTED TO THE CLERK, AND OTHER MATTERS PROPERLY RELATED THERETO.

Explanation for Recommended Board Action: The Virginia and Truckee Railroad reconstruction project began in 1991. Until recently, not a lot of progress had been made. Through efforts of the Carson City Convention and Visitors Bureau, federal grants and Carson City's contribution of \$15 million, construction on the project has progressed over the Overman Pit and across Highway 50 to the entrance of Brunswick Canyon. Without the added funding from this ballot question, the project will stall for an indefinite period of time. With this contribution, the City will receive 5% of gross ridership fees for 99 years which will equate to approximately \$35 million back to the City. More importantly, this contribution will assure the project will go forward to completion. Once operating, Carson City will benefit from the sales tax, gaming tax, room tax and gas tax which is the principle reason the City contributed \$15 million. Once in operation, the train will generate, in time, 200,000 visitors each year. It will not only sustain the City's economy in the future but give this capital city a significant signature. Throughout the years, Carson City has been working toward re-creation of a significant historic treasure to ensure its future.

Applicable Statute, Code, Policy, Rule or Regulation: NRS 293.482 and NRS 295.121

Supporting Material: Resolution

Prepared By: Marv Teixeira, Mayor

Reviewed By:



(City Manager)



(District Attorney)



(Finance Director)

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Board Action Taken:

Motion: _____ 1) _____ Aye/Nay
2) _____

(Vote Recorded By)

RESOLUTION NO. _____

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WHEREAS, Nevada Revised Statute (NRS) 377B.1 00(1) allows the Board of Supervisors to impose a tax for infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, NRS 293.482 allows the Carson City Board of Supervisors to ask the advice of the registered voters within its jurisdiction on any question which it has under consideration; and

WHEREAS, on March 20, 2008, the Carson City Board of Supervisors determined that it is in the best interests of the residents of Carson City to allow them to vote at the November general election on an advisory question as to whether Carson City residents would approve a 1/8th of 1 % sales tax increase to fund the construction of the Virginia and Truckee Railroad in return for 5% of the gross ridership revenue for 99 years; and

WHEREAS, NRS 295.121 requires the Board of Supervisors in consultation with the Carson City Clerk to appoint two committees, one committee to be composed of three persons who favor approval by the voters of the ballot question and the other committee to be composed of three persons who oppose approval by the voters of the ballot question;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Carson City Board of Supervisors, hereby proposes that the following question be placed on the November 4, 2008, general election ballot:

Should the Carson City Board of Supervisors impose a 1/8th of 1 % sales tax increase in order to contribute \$10 million to the Virginia and Truckee Railroad construction project in return for 5% of the gross ridership revenue for 99 years?

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Explanation of the Questions shall be as follows:

Passage of this ballot question will increase the sales tax in Carson City from 7 1/8% to 7 1/4%. The City will use this money to bond for \$10 million. The \$10 million will be used for the continued construction of the Virginia and Truckee Railroad project and will assure that the construction project will go completely through Brunswick Canyon. The bonds will sunset in approximately 2020.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that pursuant to NRS 295.121, the Carson City Board of Supervisors hereby directs the Carson City Clerk to prepare a recommendation of three persons to serve on the committee who favors approval of the ballot question and three members to serve on the committee who oppose approval of the ballot question.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Carson City Clerk shall consider recommending to the Carson City Board of Supervisors those persons who have expressed an interest in serving on the committees and persons who are members of organizations that have expressed an interest in having a member of their organization serve on the committee.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Carson City Clerk shall provide by rule or regulation: (a) the maximum permissible length of an argument or rebuttal and (b) the date by which an argument or rebuttal must be submitted by the committee to the Carson City Clerk.

ADOPTED this ____ day of April, 2008.

AYES: Supervisor: _____

NAYS: Supervisor: _____

ABSENT: Supervisor: _____

MARV TEIXEIRA, Mayor

ATTEST:

ALAN GLOVER, Clerk/Recorder