

TO: HONORABLE CITY COUNCIL 
FROM: CITY MANAGER DEPARTMENT: CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE
DATE: AUGUST 4, 2008 CMR: 340:08

SUBJECT: ADOPTION OF AN ORDINANCE CALLING A SPECIAL ELECTION AND ORDERING THE SUBMISSION OF A PROPOSITION INCURRING BONDED DEBT FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONSTRUCTION AND COMPLETION OF A NEW MITCHELL PARK LIBRARY AND COMMUNITY CENTER, RENOVATION AND EXPANSION OF MAIN LIBRARY, AND RENOVATIONS TO DOWNTOWN LIBRARY TO THE QUALIFIED VOTERS OF THE CITY OF PALO ALTO AT THE SPECIAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON NOVEMBER 4, 2008

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that Council adopt the attached ordinance (Attachment A) calling for a special municipal election on November 4, 2008 for the purposes of ordering the submission of a proposition incurring bonded debt to construct and complete a new Mitchell Park Library and Community Center, renovate and expand Main Library and renovate Downtown Library.

BACKGROUND

On July 21, 2008, the City Council adopted a resolution and introduced this ordinance for the purposes of placing a measure on the November ballot authorizing issuance of bonded debt to finance construction of a new Mitchell Park Library and Community Center, renovation and expansion of Main Library and renovation of Downtown Library (Attachment B, CMR 321:08). Pursuant to State law, the City Council must introduce and then adopt, at a subsequent meeting, an ordinance to place the measure on the November 4, 2008 ballot. The ordinance attached was introduced at the July 21, 2008 Council meeting and reflects staff changes made just prior to that meeting. Following the Council action this evening, the City Clerk will file the appropriate paperwork with the County Registrar of Voters before the August 8 deadline for November ballot measures.

For reference, staff is also including with this report information related to filing arguments either for or against November ballot measures (Attachment C). The July 21 staff report (Attachment B) outlined the process for preparing and filing direct and rebuttal arguments on a measure.

RESOURCE IMPACT

The staff report prepared for the July 21, 2008 City Council meeting (Attachment B) outlined the resource impacts associated with these projects.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

This report is consistent with existing City policies and with the establishment of the Library Plan/Public Safety Building as a Top 4 priority for 2008.

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

The environmental review process for these projects was outlined and approved at the July 21, 2008 meeting as outlined in that staff report (Attachment B).

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment A: AN ORDINANCE OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PALO ALTO CALLING A SPECIAL ELECTION AND ORDERING THE SUBMISSION OF A PROPOSITION OF INCURRING BONDED DEBT FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONSTRUCTION AND COMPLETION OF A NEW MITCHELL PARK LIBRARY AND COMMUNITY CENTER, RENOVATION AND EXPANSION OF MAIN LIBRARY, AND RENOVATIONS TO DOWNTOWN LIBRARY TO THE QUALIFIED VOTERS OF THE CITY OF PALO ALTO AT THE SPECIAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON NOVEMBER 4, 2008

Attachment B: CMR 321:08 from July 21, 2008 City Council meeting

Attachment C: “City of Palo Alto Measure/Ordinances” - information sheet from the City Clerk regarding measures

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