Notice of Measure Election

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Notice

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8/17/22	City of West LInn	11/8/22

Final Ballot Title The following is the final ballot title of the measure to be submitted to the city's voters. The ballot title notice has been published and the ballot title challenge process has been completed.

Caption 10 words which reasonably identifies the subject of the measure.

Bonds to Fund Water Line Replacements Required by ODOT Construction

Question 20 words which plainly phrases the chief purpose of the measure.

Shall West Linn issue up to $17,500,000 in general obligation bonds to fund the replacement of existing water lines? If the bonds are approved, they will be payable from taxes on property or property ownership that are not subject to the limits of Sections 11 and 11b, Article XI of the Oregon Constitution.

Summary 175 words which concisely and impartially summarizes the measure and its major effect.

If approved, bond funds and other available funds will finance capital costs of water line replacements required by Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) highway construction, including without limitation:

- Replacement of water pipes along ODOT right of way, including at Abernethy, Sunset, and West A Bridges. The current pipeline supplies West Linn with water from South Fork Water Board (the City' s only permanent source of daily drinking water). Any funds remaining after completing the water lines may be used for other City water infrastructure improvements.

- Capitalized interest on the bonds and bond issuance costs.

The proposed general obligation bonds would result in property tax levy rate increasing by an estimated 25 cents per thousand dollars of assessed value. For the average homeowner in West Linn with an assessed (not real market) value of $386,000 the estimated annual property tax increase would be $97. Actual levy rate may differ due to final interest rates and future changes in assessed value. The bonds will mature over a period not to exceed 21 years from the date of issuance.

Explanatory Statement 500 words that impartially explains the measure and its effect.

If the county is producing a voters' pamphlet an explanatory statement must be drafted and attached to this form for:
→ any measure referred by the city governing body; **or**
→ any initiative or referendum, if required by local ordinance.

Explanatory Statement Attached? ☒ Yes ☐ No

Authorized City Official Not required to be notarized.

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By signing this document:
→ I hereby state that I am authorized by the city to submit this Notice of Measure Election; **and**
→ I certify that notice of receipt of ballot title has been published and the ballot title challenge process for this measure completed.

Signature

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Date Signed

Explanatory Statement

Why is this on the ballot?

The City of West Linn's source of drinking water is the Clackamas River supplied from the South Fork Water Board water treatment plant in Oregon City which is jointly owned by the cities of West Linn and Oregon City. Water is transported to the City of West Linn through pipelines starting at the treatment plant in Oregon City, then across the Willamette River to West Linn. The pipeline connection is secured to the I-205 Abernethy Bridge. Water transported through this pipeline provides all of the City of West Linn's drinking water and fire suppression water. The existing pipeline beneath the Abernethy Bridge deck was built in 1970 when the Abernethy Bridge was constructed. The existing pipeline is not adequately reinforced to withstand a severe earthquake.

The Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) is currently constructing a replacement to the existing Abernethy Bridge that includes widening for an additional travel lane of I-205 and seismic improvements to allow the bridge to withstand a severe earthquake. The City of West Linn's water supply pipeline must be replaced in conjunction with replacement of the Abernethy Bridge. Water pipeline improvements include upsizing the existing pipe diameter from 24" to 30" to provide for additional fire suppression and drinking water flow capacity. Additional improvement includes increased seismic resiliency to withstand a severe earthquake consistent with the new bridge.

The City of West Linn and ODOT entered into a Cooperative Improvement Agreement which includes the replacement of the pipeline within ODOT's right-of-way. Additional water line replacement will be needed with the next phase of I-205 construction at the A Street and Sunset Avenue bridges.

What is the project expected to cost?

The water line replacements are expected to cost approximately $17,500,000.

What would this bond cost a typical homeowner?

The proposed general obligation bonds would result in the West Linn property tax levy rate increasing by an estimated 25 cents per thousand dollars of assessed value. For the average homeowner in West Linn with an assessed (not real market) value of $386,000 the estimated annual property tax increase would be $97. Actual levy rate may differ due to final interest rates and future changes in assessed value.

If passed, what would the bond funds be used for?

If approved, bond funds and other available funds will finance capital costs of the required pipeline replacements along I-205 at the Abernethy, A Street, and Sunset Bridges, including without limitation:

- Replacement of the existing pipeline within ODOT right-of-way along the bridges. Any funds remaining after completing the I-205 water line replacements will be used for other City water line replacements.

- Pay capitalized interest on the bonds and bond issuance costs.

Capitalized interest and issuance costs will be determined by market conditions at the time of the sale. The bonds would be paid over a period of 21 years or less.

Additional Information

More information on the bond is available at the City of West Linn's website, www.westlinnoregon.gov