

Added at 2/26/01 meeting

WASILLA CITY COUNCIL ACTION MEMORANDUM

CM No. 01-19

SUBJECT: INCREASE OF SALES TAX TO CONSTRUCT A SPORTS COMPLEX AND LIBRARY

REQUESTED BY: Council Member Dianne Keller *DK*

PREPARED BY: Kristie VanGorder, City Clerk

DATE: February 21, 2001

FOR AGENDA OF: February 26, 2001

SUMMARY:

I propose that the administration research and bring back to the council the possibility of a sales tax increase to build both a sports complex and library.

The sales tax increase research needs to include the possibility of increasing the sales tax by one or two percent for a period to sunset over five, six or seven years. The administration and finance department would be directed to bring back these options at a special meeting to be scheduled in April.

Another issue that needs to be addressed is the best way to place these propositions on the ballot to construct both the sports complex and library. Would it be best to have one proposition to build both or two separate propositions? This would be an additional item that would need to be addressed by administration and council to suggest the best way to present the proposition to the voters.

I feel that the administration and council needs to present all options possible to the voters at the fall election to construct public facilities for their residents.

FISCAL IMPACT: No Yes, amount requested: Not known at this time.

COUNCIL MEMBER RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Direct administration to bring back to the council at a special meeting to be held on April 2, the research compiled addressing the options of increasing the sales tax by one or two percent over five, six, or seven years; this sales tax increase may allow construction of both a library and a sports complex; this direction includes the suggestion of the best way to present the proposition to the voters during the regular election in October 2001. Also request administration to bring back the proposed location of the sports complex, an estimate on cost, and the scope of work. Further to look at the scope of work for the library proposal previously surveyed by the Friends of Wasilla Library and to discuss the proposed location.

Administration Initial: *JWC*

Attachments: None