

**Carson City
Agenda Report**

Date Submitted: May 8, 2012

Agenda Date Requested: May 17, 2012
Time Requested: 1 hour

To: Mayor and Supervisors

From: City Manager

Subject Title: For possible action. Discussion and possible action to direct the City Manager to bring an action item to the Board for the placement of a ballot question to finance the design, development, construct and acquisition of a new Knowledge and Discovery Center (library) and public plaza on property to be donated to the City by the Mae B. and Hop Adams Trust and to increase sales tax by 1/4% for funding the new Knowledge and Discovery Center and public plaza.

Staff Summary: At the May 3, 2012, the Carson City Library Board of Trustees requested that the Board of Supervisors consider placing the question of building a new knowledge and discovery center and public plaza on the November 2012 ballot. Throughout the discussions on the Knowledge and Discovery Center and public plaza ("Project"), the intent was to use private financing and donations to construct the Project with the City entering into a long term purchase installment for the ultimate acquisition. Because of other influences, including the circulation of a petition asking that the Board not construct the project without an affirmative vote of the people, it has been difficult to secure donations and to identify a source of private funding that isn't expensive to finance.

Nevada Revised Statutes Chapter 377A provides, among other things, the ability of a governing body to submit a question to the people to allow the imposition of a 1/4% sales tax for a library. It is staff's recommendation that because the petition is being circulated in the community, because private funding is not 100% assured, and that a sales tax would be regional (more than just the residents of a community pay the sales tax) that the sales tax would be the most appropriate way to proceed. It is also staff's opinion that a positive vote on the issue would be assurance that the community supported the concept of the Knowledge and Discovery Center project and that there would be a dedicated funding stream for the Project.

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 direct the City Manager to bring an action item to the Board for the placement of a ballot question to finance the design, development, construct and acquisition of a new Knowledge and Discovery Center (library) and public plaza on property to be donated to the City by the Mae B. and Hop Adams Trust and to increase sales tax by 1/4% for funding the new Knowledge and Discovery Center and public plaza.

Explanation for Recommended Board Action: See staff summary. If this action is approved as recommended, the actual ballot question would be brought to the Board at the June 7th meeting as a question, including the explanation and fiscal note which, if approved, must be transmitted to the Clerk by Monday, July 16. The clerk would form ballot committees to write the arguments for and against the question and have the matter ready for printing by Monday, August 13th.

Applicable Statute, Code, Policy, Rule or Regulation: NRS Chapter 377A

Fiscal Impact: Estimated project cost- \$28,000,000. Annual revenue from 1/4% Sales Tax \$1,900,000.

Explanation of Impact: If a ballot question raising the sales tax is approved, the revenue could only be used to fund the project.

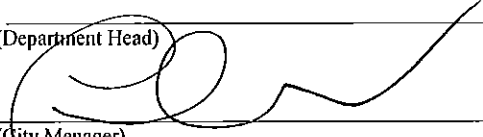
Funding Source: Sales tax

Alternatives: There are several alternatives starting with the "Do Nothing Alternative" which means exactly what it states; another alternative would be to continue to try and obtain private financing which has been difficult and would lead to approximately a \$3,000,000 cost increase in the project and work to obtain the lease payments out of current revenue streams possibly including the 1/8th% sales tax that can be imposed without a vote of the people. The issue of the current petition underway would still need to be addressed.

Supporting Material: None

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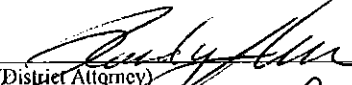
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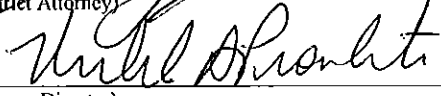
(Department Head)


(City Manager)

Date: _____

Date: 5/8/12

(District Attorney)




(Finance Director)

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Board Action Taken:

Motion: _____

- 1) _____
- 2) _____

Aye/Nay

(Vote Recorded By)