



DISCUSSION ITEMS

Agenda Item # 7

AGENDA REPORT SUMMARY

Meeting Date: June 26, 2018

Subject: City-owned land measure

Prepared by: Staff

Attachment(s):

1. Draft measure decision tree

Initiated by:

City Council

Previous Council Consideration:

May 22, 2018 and June 12, 2018

Fiscal Impact:

Should the Council choose to place the measure on the ballot, the estimated cost to do so from the Registrar of Voters Office is approximately \$50,000 for the November 2018 ballot

Environmental Review:

Not applicable

Policy Question(s) for Council Consideration:

- Does the Council wish to submit a measure to the voters requiring voter approval for the sale or transfer of City-owned land? What types of land would this apply to?
- Does the Council wish to include the lease of City-owned land in such a measure?

Summary:

- Council must adopt a resolution by August 10, 2018 to place a measure on the November 2018 ballot

Staff Recommendation:

Discuss a potential measure to be submitted to voters regarding the sale or transfer of City-owned land and provide direction to staff



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Purpose

To provide direction on a potential measure to be submitted to voters regarding City-owned land

Background

On May 22, 2018, the City Council directed staff to prepare a measure to be placed on a ballot which would require voter approval for the sale or transfer of any property designated as a park and the re-designation of parkland within the City of Los Altos.

Discussion/Analysis

Based on Council feedback provided at the May 22, 2018 and June 12, 2018 meetings, staff has prepared a decision tree (Attachment 1) to help Council determine which elements to include in a measure to be submitted to voters.

Staff has also drafted language (below) for some of the elements in the decision tree which can be inserted into a measure based on Council's direction.

Sale of City-owned parcels

Potential language:

- Voter approval shall be required for the sale or transfer of any City-owned parcel of land.
- Voter approval shall be required for the sale or transfer of any City-owned parcel of land, with the following land use designations: [Parks, Open Space, Public and Institutional, etc.]

Re-designation of City-owned parcels

Potential language:

- Voter approval shall be required for the re-designation of City-owned land, with a land use designation of [Parks, Open Space, Public and Institutional, etc.] to a different land use designation.

Lease of City-owned parcels

Potential language:

- Voter approval shall be required for the lease of any portion of City-owned land, with a land use designation of [Parks, Open Space, Public and Institutional, etc.].
- Voter approval shall be required for [new leases for new uses, new leases for non-municipal services, new leases to private entities, new lease to private, for-profit entities] of any portion of City-owned land, with a land use designation of [Parks, Open Space, Public and Institutional, etc.].



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To place a minimum length of time a lease must be for to trigger the voter approval requirement, language could be added to the end of the above which states “for a period of XX (xxx) [days, months, years] or more.

For all of the potential language presented, information in the brackets would be modified according to Council direction.

Recommendation

Staff recommends Council discuss the measure and provide direction to staff as needed

