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County

To: Board of Supervisors
From: Diane Burgis, District III Supervisor
Date: December 17, 2019

Subject: HEARING TO CONSIDER ADOPTION OF PROPOSED SPECIAL TAX ORDINANCE AND
AUTHORIZE ELECTION TO OBTAIN VOTER APPROVAL

RECOMMENDATION(S):

1. OPEN a hearing on the adoption of Ordinance No. 2019-40, authorizing the levy of an increased special tax for police protection services in County Service Area (CSA) P-2 Zone A (Zone A), in the unincorporated area of Blackhawk, and Resolution No. 2019/617, directing the ordinance to be presented to the CSA P-2 Zone A voters for approval in a May 5, 2020, mail-ballot election; CONSIDER oral and written comments received; and CLOSE the hearing.

2. ADOPT Ordinance No. 2019-40.

3. ADOPT Resolution No. 2019/617.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The approximate \$20,000 cost of the election will be paid from *ad valorem* property tax revenues previously allocated to Zone A. If approved by the voters, the parcel tax is expected to generate an additional \$295,897 beginning in FY 2020/21 and approximately \$31,000 in each year after that from the proposed 3% annual increase to the tax levy.

☒ APPROVE

☐ OTHER

☒ RECOMMENDATION OF CNTY
ADMINISTRATOR

☐ RECOMMENDATION OF BOARD
COMMITTEE

Action of Board On: **12/17/2019** ☒ APPROVED AS RECOMMENDED ☐ OTHER

Clerks Notes:

VOTE OF SUPERVISORS

AYE: John Gioia, District I Supervisor
Candace Andersen, District II Supervisor
Diane Burgis, District III Supervisor
Karen Mitchoff, District IV Supervisor
Federal D. Glover, District V Supervisor

I hereby certify that this is a true and correct copy of an action taken and entered on the minutes of the Board of Supervisors on the date shown.

ATTESTED: December 17, 2019

David Twa, County Administrator and Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

By: June McHuen, Deputy

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BACKGROUND:

The CSA P-2 Zone A Blackhawk Police Advisory Committee (Committee) has proposed a special tax measure be submitted to the voters of Zone A. The purpose of the tax is to generate additional revenue for police protection services within the Zone. Currently, Zone A reserve funds are being used to supplement approximately \$720,000 in annual special tax revenues to pay for three (3) resident deputy sheriffs and one (1) resident sheriff lieutenant. The Committee determined that additional tax revenue is needed to continue funding the existing level of service.

Under proposed Ordinance No. 2019-40 (“Ordinance”), beginning in fiscal year 2020-2021, special taxes levied in the Zone for police protection would be increased to \$395 per parcel for residential properties (single, small multiple and large multiple), \$2,370 per parcel for commercial/industrial/institutional properties and \$11,852 per parcel for commercial/theater parcels. The current tax rates are \$280, \$1,680 and \$8,400, respectively.

If adopted by the Board, Ordinance No. 2019-40 would become effective only if it is presented to the voters of the Zone at an election, and receives the approval of two-thirds of the voters voting on the measure. Resolution No. 2019/617 would direct Ordinance No. 2019-40 to be presented to the CSA P-2 Zone A voters for approval at the scheduled May 5, 2020 mail ballot election and provides appropriate ballot language. The resolution also directs the County Clerk, Elections Division, to conduct the election and designates the County Administrator or designee to serve as the Eligible Filer for purposes of filing necessary documents on behalf of the County.

CONSEQUENCE OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

If the Board does not take the recommended actions before the February 8, 2020, deadline to place measures on the May 5, 2020, mail ballot, the proposed tax measure could not be submitted to CSA P-2 Zone A voters for consideration on May 5, 2020.

CLERK'S ADDENDUM

Speakers: Tim Ryan, resident of Danville; Chris Gallagher, resident of Danville; Ron Banducci, resident of Danville.

ATTACHMENTS

Resolution 2019/617

Ordinance No. 2019-40

Confirmation of Scheduled Publications

County Service Area P-2A (Blackhawk), Property Counts and Special Tax Rate by Use Code, as of October 11, 2019

County Service Area P-2A (Blackhawk), Multi-Year Financial Projections, as of October 11, 2019