

**BEFORE THE CITY COUNCIL
FOR THE CITY OF LAFAYETTE, OREGON**

**A Resolution In the Matter of Authorizing)
Explanatory Statement to be Submitted)
for Ballot Measure Captioned "Allow City)
to Expend Funds to Construct a Water)
Reservoir")**

Resolution No. 2022-10

THE CITY COUNCIL (the "Council") OF THE CITY OF LAFAYETTE, OREGON (the "City") sat for the transaction of city business on Thursday, August 4, 2022 in the Council Chambers at City Hall.

WHEREAS, pursuant to Resolution 2022-09, approved by the City Council on August 4, 2022 and referred to the voters a ballot measure to authorize the City to complete a project with an estimated value of \$1,000,000 or more; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to ORS 251.345, the City Council shall submit an impartial, simple and understandable statement explaining the measure and its effect, provided the statement consists of only words and numbers (ORS 251.395); does not include certain type of material (ORS 251.415) and does not exceed 500 words as required by rules of the Secretary of State (ORS 251.215); and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds the Explanatory Statement, marked Exhibit A, attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference, meets the aforementioned requirements.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Lafayette, Oregon, as follows:

Section 1. The above recitals are incorporated by reference as if fully set forth herein.

Section 2. The Explanatory Statement, marked Exhibit A, attached hereto is incorporated by reference as if fully set forth herein is adopted by the City Council, the City Administrator is authorized to be the responsible person for the Explanatory Statement and the City's Election Officer is authorized to submit the Explanatory Statement to the appropriate county election official for filing.


Section 3. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its approval by the City Council.

APPROVED by the City Council of the City of Lafayette, Oregon this 4th Day of August 2022.

VOTE: Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Abstentions: Absent: 1 Vacancies:

CERTIFIED:

ATTEST:


Marie Sproul, Mayor


Kevin Perkins, Assistant City Administrator

EXHIBIT A

MEASURE EXPLANATORY STATEMENT FOR COUNTY VOTERS PAMPHLET CITY OF LAFAYETTE MEASURE: ALLOW CITY TO EXPEND FUNDS TO CONSTRUCT A WATER RESERVOIR NOVEMBER 8, 2022 GENERAL ELECTION

The City of Lafayette's Charter limits the City's ability to disburse or obligate for expenditure funds in excess of \$1 million on a capital improvement unless first approved by voters. Lafayette provides water and sewer service to residents inside the city limits. The system is currently served by a single, 500,000-gallon reservoir which does not meet engineering standards for the City's general water storage, operational needs, or for emergency fire flow. A single reservoir complicates maintenance and increases the cost and difficulty of routine maintenance when the sole reservoir must be taken off-line. The addition of a 1 million-gallon reservoir would address current and future fire flow and emergency storage needs.

A yes vote authorizes the City to utilize funding from state, county, and city sources to construct a second reservoir to increase water storage capacity. A no vote eliminates the project for 2023 and could affect grant funding.

What would the project include?

The project would construct a 1,000,000-gallon reservoir at the City's watershed and connect it to the existing water system. Fencing, paving, electronic controls, and other required elements would be included.

How much will it cost?

The project is estimated to cost \$3,000,000 and would be constructed in 2023.

How will it be paid for?

The Oregon Legislature has dedicated a \$2,250,000 grant for the construction costs; Yamhill County has provided a grant of \$125,000; and the City will provide a \$125,000 grant from American Rescue Plan Act funds and \$500,000 from Water System Development Charges (SDC). The State and County grants are being allocated as part of the American Rescue Plan Act funding from the federal government.

What is the Financial Impact?

Approximately \$3 million in project funds, including \$2.5 million in grant funds, will be expended to construct a second reservoir. Funds allocated by the State and Yamhill County will be expended for eligible activities and city SDC funds will be spent on an eligible capital improvement project. City utility rates and property taxes will not be directly impacted.

Summary:

The construction of a new reservoir would triple the City's current storage to meet current and future water demands, increase fire flow, and provide redundant storage that will allow the City to take a reservoir off-line for routine maintenance without incurring additional costs as in the past. A second reservoir also provides greater resilience in the event of emergencies, including structural or wildland fires. A no vote eliminates the project for 2023 and could affect grant funding.