

Staff Report



Ordering a Special Election	
City Council Meeting Date: 08-09-16	Document Being Considered: Ordinance

RECOMMENDATION

Approve the second reading of the attached ordinance calling a special election to be held November 8, 2016 for a Sports and Community Venue Project known as the Texas Rangers Complex Development Project.

PRIOR BOARD OR COUNCIL ACTION

On May 24, 2016, City Council approved Resolution 16-090 designating and providing for the Texas Rangers Complex Development Project as a Sports and Community Venue Project and designating the methods of financing the Complex pursuant to Chapter 334, Texas Local Government Code, by a vote of 9-0-0.

On May 24, 2016, City Council approved Resolution 16-091 authorizing the City Manager or his designee to execute a Master Agreement by and between Rangers Baseball, LLC and the City of Arlington, Texas relative to the Ballpark Complex Project, by a vote of 9-0-0.

On August 2, 2016, City Council approved first reading of an Ordinance ordering a November 8, 2016 Special Election, by a vote of 8-0-0.

ANALYSIS

On May 24, 2016, the City Council passed a resolution describing the Texas Rangers Complex Development Project as a sports and community venue project and designating methods of financing the project authorized under Texas Local Government Code Chapter 334. Per state law, that resolution was submitted to the State Comptroller of Public Accounts, who performed a State fiscal impact analysis and determined the proposed methods of financing will not have a significant negative fiscal impact on State revenue. The City may now call a special election to allow Arlington voters to vote on the Texas Rangers Complex Development Project and proposed method of financing.

The attached ordinance orders a November 8, 2016 special election to allow Arlington voters to consider authorizing the Texas Rangers Complex Development Project and to authorize the funding of the project by: (i) authorizing the use of an existing sales and use tax at one-half of one percent; (ii) authorizing the use of an existing tax on hotel occupancy at a rate of two percent of the price paid for the room; (iii) authorizing the use of an existing tax at a rate of five percent on motor vehicle rental receipts; (iv) imposing an admission tax on each ticket sold to an event held at the Texas Rangers Complex Development Project not to exceed ten percent of the price of the ticket; (v) imposing a parking tax on motor vehicles parked in the parking facility of the Texas Rangers Complex Development Project not to exceed three dollars per vehicle.

This ordinance orders a special election and establishes election dates, designates days and times for early voting in person and the proposed polling places for early voting and election day voting, ballot content, the types of ballot and the types of voting devices to be utilized.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

None

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Attached:	Ordinance
Under Separate Cover:	None
Available in the City Secretary's Office:	None

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