

RESOLUTION NO. 3196

A RESOLUTION OF THE BEND CITY COUNCIL WITHDRAWING THE BALLOT MEASURE FOR ISSUANCE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS FROM THE MAY 19, 2020, ELECTION

Findings

- A. On February 5, 2020, the Bend City Council (Council) adopted Resolution No. 3190 referring a ballot measure to the voters for approval of up to \$190 million in general obligation bonds for traffic flow, east-west connections, and neighborhood safety improvements.
- B. The World Health Organization declared COVID-19 (novel coronavirus) a global pandemic on March 11, 2020. On March 8, 2020, Governor Kate Brown declared a state of emergency due to the COVID-19 outbreak in Oregon (Executive Order No. 20-03), finding that COVID-19 has created a threat to public health and safety, and constitutes a statewide emergency under ORS 401.025(1). On March 13, 2020, President Donald Trump announced a national emergency due to the COVID-19 outbreak nationwide.
- C. Governor Brown also issued guidance regarding group gatherings and social distancing to minimize potential opportunities for the COVID-19 to spread (Executive Order No. 20-05). On March 17, 2020, Governor Brown ordered all bars, restaurants and other food establishments to provide only carry-out and delivery service, prohibited social, spiritual, and recreational gatherings of 25 people or more, including community, civic, and any similar events if a distance of at least 3 feet between individuals cannot be maintained, and encouraged all businesses to comply with the spirit of the order (Executive Order No. 20-07). On March 17, 2020, Governor Brown also convened the Coronavirus Economic Advisory Council to mitigate the impacts of her orders and others that may adversely impact the economy.
- D. The City Manager issued Administrative Order Declaring a Local State of Emergency as a Result of COVID-19 Pandemic on March 16, 2020, ratified by the City Council on March 18, 2020.
- E. The unknown duration of the COVID-19 pandemic will likely have a significant financial impact on the national, state and local community, but the extent of that impact is unknown at this time. Although economic impacts are uncertain in both the near and long-term, they may be felt acutely by the service sector initially and more broadly by the entire community. The service sector comprises 10% of total employment in Deschutes County, and these workers are likely to be significantly impacted by a sudden and substantial decrease in hotel occupancy and restaurant closures or reductions in service, with effects likely to be felt by other workers and businesses as well.

- F. Within the last week, the municipal bond market has become volatile and market access has been challenging, though these effects may be short-term. In the near-term, many bond issuers have delayed bond issuance. While the Federal Reserve has recently reduced treasury interest rates, which in the past has resulted in a stronger municipal bond market, that has not been the case within the last few weeks.
- G. For these reasons and based on the advice of community leaders with expertise related to the local economic and business community and public health and economic concerns, Council believes that the global pandemic and state of emergency makes it a difficult time for voters to make a decision on the transportation bond. Although transportation issues are a high community priority, at this time public health concerns are the primary focus of the nation and our community.
- H. The City of Bend will continue to monitor the economic impacts of COVID-19, and may consider referring the general obligation bond measure for transportation improvements to the voters when appropriate in the future.

Based on these findings,

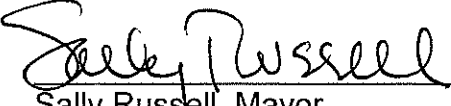
THE CITY OF BEND RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

- Section 1. City Council withdraws the ballot measure previously referred to the electors of the City of Bend by Resolution No. 3190.
- Section 2. The City Manager and staff are directed to take all necessary steps to effectuate this resolution, including providing public notice and submitting required materials to the Deschutes County Elections Officer to withdraw the ballot measure from the May 19, 2020, ballot.
- Section 3. City staff are directed to monitor the economic impacts of COVID-19 so that Council may determine whether to refer the general obligation bond measure to the voters at a later date.
- Section 6. This resolution takes effect immediately upon passage.

Adopted by a vote of the Bend City Council on March 18, 2020.

YES: Sally Russell, Mayor
Bruce Abernethy
Barb Campbell
Bill Moseley
Justin Livingston
Gena Goodman-Campbell
Chris Piper

NO: none


Sally Russell, Mayor

ATTEST:


Robyn Christie, City Recorder

APPROVED AS TO FORM:


Mary Winters, City Attorney

Withdrawal Notice of Measure Election

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Measure Information

Measure Number if assigned

9-131

Name of District

City of Bend

Caption of Ballot Title

Bonds for Traffic Flow, East-West Connections, and Neighborhood Safety Improvements

Withdrawal Reason Optional.

See attached resolution.

Resubmission of Measure

Do you intend to resubmit the measure?

Yes

No

For what election?

November 2020

Authorized Official Not required to be notarized.

Name

Robyn Christie

Title

City Recorder

Mailing Address

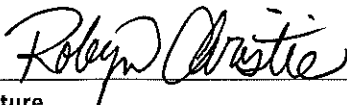
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541-388-5517

By signing this document:

→ I hereby state that I am authorized by the county, city or district to submit this Withdrawal - Notice of Measure Election.



March 19, 2020

Signature

Date Signed