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RESOLUTION NO. 2024-95

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SUISUN CITY CALLING AND GIVING NOTICE OF THE HOLDING OF A GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON NOVEMBER 5, 2024, FOR THE PURPOSE OF SUBMITTING TO THE VOTERS OF THE CITY OF SUISUN CITY AN INITIATIVE MEASURE RENEWING THE CURRENT 1% LOCAL TRANSACTIONS AND USE (“SALES”) TAX AT A 1.75% RATE AND EXTENDING THEREOF FOR 15 YEARS FROM ITS OPERATIVE DATE FOR THE GENERATION OF GENERAL MUNICIPAL REVENUE; AND REQUESTING THE COUNTY OF SOLANO TO CONSOLIDATE THE CITY’S GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON NOVEMBER 5, 2024, WITH THE STATEWIDE GENERAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON THAT DATE PURSUANT TO SECTION 10403 OF THE ELECTIONS CODE

WHEREAS, the City of Suisun City (“City”) is facing a severe budget deficit that threatens the future of the City and directly impacts the safety and quality of life of local residents; and

WHEREAS, after several years of declining city revenues, the City does not receive sufficient revenue to sustain current operations and essential services for residents; and

WHEREAS, Suisun City currently relies upon limited emergency reserves and temporary COVID relief funding to sustain services, but temporary COVID relief funds are now fully expended and limited emergency reserves will soon be depleted; and

WHEREAS, at the City Council meeting on May 28, 2024, the City’s Finance Department reported to the City Council that in fiscal year 2024-25 the City will operate at a deficit of nearly \$2 million, which it plans to cover from the City’s reserve funds, using 40% of the City’s reserves for that purpose; and

WHEREAS, at the City Council meeting on June 16, 2024, the City’s Finance Department reported to the City Council that unless revenues substantially increase to bridge the budget shortfall prior to fiscal year 2025-26, the City’s Finance Department anticipates that the City will be required to make drastic cuts to its services, which will impact the City’s residents and businesses; and

WHEREAS, in 2016, 69% of local voters in Suisun City approved a 1% sales tax measure that currently provides approximately \$3.9 million in annual funding to support essential city services and this funding is now set to expire; and

WHEREAS, if current local sales tax funding expires and Suisun City is unable to secure additional revenue, city leaders may be forced to consider declaring bankruptcy for the City which will mean immediate and direct reductions in city services, quality of life, and potentially safety of the community; and

1 **WHEREAS**, deep cuts to the city budget and potential bankruptcy could lead to the
2 elimination of Suisun City’s locally controlled fire department, police department, parks,
libraries, youth and senior programs, among other services; and

3 **WHEREAS**, over the past five years Suisun City has experienced nearly a 200%
4 increase in fires, a 32% increase medical emergencies, and a 29% increase in overall 911 calls
for service, 70% of which are for medical emergencies; and

5 **WHEREAS**, current police and fire department staffing levels are lower than the
6 standard for a community the size of Suisun City, and, at times, only two or three police officers
7 are on duty, making it challenging to patrol neighborhoods and respond to emergency calls; and

8 **WHEREAS**, the police department lacks the resources needed to address the nuisances
9 associated with homelessness, which negatively impacts safety and quality of life in the City;
and

10 **WHEREAS**, the police department currently operates with only 26 sworn Officers,
11 which is several Officers below recommended staffing levels, causing increased response times
and reduced ability to respond to lower priority calls, to enforce traffic regulations, and to solve
12 past crimes; and

13 **WHEREAS**, two-thirds of the fire department’s 911 calls are for medical emergencies,
14 requiring the fast response of a paramedic and current emergency response staffing results in
response times as high as 50 minutes for some calls, while the national standard for response
15 times is five minutes; and

16 **WHEREAS**, the fire department has a critical need to develop a second fire station to
17 improve response times and save lives by allowing it to arrive on scene within five minutes, as
contemplated in the City’s General Plan; and

18 **WHEREAS**, to improve the city’s financial stability, avoid potential bankruptcy, and
19 maintain locally controlled services, the Suisun City Council believes that the expiring locally
controlled sales tax funding approved by voters in 2016 needs to be renewed with an increase
20 in the rate to 1.75% to provide additional locally controlled revenue; and

21 **WHEREAS**, locally controlled funding from a renewed and increased sales tax
22 measure would protect and sustain essential city services, including addressing crime and public
nuisances associated with homelessness, preventing the elimination of neighborhood police
23 patrols, maintaining local fire protection and improving 911 emergency response times, and
maintaining city infrastructure including local streets and roads; and

24 **WHEREAS**, to help ensure the cost of a renewed and increased sales tax measure is
25 not a burden to those on fixed or limited incomes, essential purchases such as groceries,
26 prescription medicine, and diapers are exempt from the cost of sales tax;

1 **WHEREAS**, sales tax is paid by anyone who shops in Suisun City, including visitors,
2 to help ensure that nonresidents who work or shop in Suisun City pay a fair share for local
3 services, roads, and infrastructure they use; and

4 **WHEREAS**, a measure to renew and increase local sales tax funding would continue
5 strict fiscal accountability requirements, including public disclosure of all spending, and
6 independent citizen oversight; and

7 **WHEREAS**, all funds from a measure to renew and increase local sales tax funding
8 must stay local in Suisun City for local needs, and no funds can be taken away by the State; and

9 **WHEREAS**, on July 2, 2024, the City Council previously called and gave notice of a
10 general municipal election to be held on November 5, 2024, and requested consolidation of the
11 same with the statewide general election to be held on that date pursuant to Elections Code
12 Section 10403; and

13 **WHEREAS**, the City currently has a general transactions and use tax pursuant to
14 Chapter 3.14 of Title 3 of the Suisun City Municipal Code at a rate of 1%, which is set to expire
15 in the near future; and

16 **WHEREAS**, on July 2, 2024, the City Council of the City of Suisun City ordered the
17 submission to the voters at the general municipal election on November 5, 2024, a ballot
18 measure to consider approving a proposed ordinance renewing the 1% sales tax at a rate of
19 1.75% and extending the tax for a period of 15 years from its operative date, where generated
20 revenues will be deposited in the City's General Fund, which requires approval of the majority
21 of voters at either a general or a special election; and

22 **WHEREAS**, the City Council of the City of Suisun City is authorized and directed by
23 statute to submit to the voters the foregoing ballot measure and that such submittal be
24 consolidated with the previously called general municipal election to be held on November 5,
25 2024, and that this measure be submitted as part of that election.

26 **NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SUISUN CITY,
27 HEREBY RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:**

28 **Section 1.**

Pursuant to California Constitution Article XIIC, Section 2, Government Code Section 53724,
and Elections Code Section 9222, the City Council of the City of Suisun City hereby calls an
election and submits to the qualified voters of the City a measure that, if approved, would renew
the current 1% sales tax and increase its rate to 1.75% for a period of 15 years from its operative
date, as authorized by Revenue and Taxation Code section 7285.9. This measure shall be
designated by letter by the Solano County Elections Department. Pursuant to Election Code
Section 10400 et seq., the election for this measure shall be consolidated with the established
election to be conducted on November 5, 2024.

Section 2. The City Council of the City of Suisun City, hereby orders the following
measure be submitted to the voters at the aforementioned general municipal election:

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Suisun City Essential Services/ Public Safety Protection Measure. To maintain Suisun City’s financial stability and prevent cuts to city services, such as addressing crime/public nuisances associated with homelessness, preventing elimination of neighborhood police patrols, preventing cuts to 9-1-1 fire/ emergency medical response; and maintaining streets, shall the measure be adopted renewing the current 1% local sales tax at a 1.75% rate, providing approximately \$6,766,000 annually for 15 years, requiring independent audits, oversight, all fund local controlled?	YES
	NO

Section 3. The text of the proposed ordinance as provided above is to be submitted to the voters is attached as **Exhibit A** to this Resolution (“Ordinance”) and is incorporated herein by reference. The City Council hereby approves the Ordinance and the form thereof, pursuant to Revenue & Taxation Code Section 7285.9. The City Council further approves its submission to the voters at the November 5, 2024 general municipal election. The City’s designated elections official is hereby authorized and directed to make any changes to the text of the Ordinance or this Resolution as required to conform to any requirements of law.

Section 4. The Ordinance attached as **Exhibit A** to this Resolution is available at no cost from the City Clerk's Office at 707-421-7302 or on the City's website: suisuncity.com. A statement about how to obtain the full text of the Ordinance will be included in the Voter Information Pamphlet below the Impartial Analysis.

Section 5. The vote requirement for the measure to pass is a majority (50% +1) of the votes cast.

Section 6. The City’s designated elections official is authorized, instructed and directed to procure and furnish any and all official ballots, notices, printed matter and all supplies, equipment and paraphernalia that may be necessary in order to properly and lawfully conduct the election.

Section 7. The ballots to be used at the election shall be in form and content as required by law, and that the election shall be held and conducted in the manner prescribed by law.

Section 8. The City Council authorizes its designated elections official to administer the election and is authorized, instructed, and directed to procure and furnish any and all official ballots, notices, printed matter and all supplies, equipment and paraphernalia that may be necessary in order to properly and lawfully conduct the election.

Section 9. Pursuant to California Election Code Section 10242, the polls for the General Municipal Election shall open at seven o’clock a.m. on the day of the election, and shall remain open continuously from that time until eight o’clock p.m. of the same day when the polls shall be closed, except as otherwise provided in California Election Code Section 14401.

1 **Section 10.** In all particulars not recited in this Resolution, the General Municipal Election
2 shall be held and conducted in accordance with the provisions of law regulating municipal and
statewide elections, including, but not limited to, Elections Code Section 10418.

3 **Section 11.** Notice of the time and place of holding the General Municipal Election is hereby
4 given and the City's designated elections official is authorized, instructed and directed to give
further or additional notice of the election, in the time, form and manner required by law.

5 **Section 12.** Pursuant to Sections 10402 and 10403 of the Elections Code, the Solano County
6 Board of Supervisors is hereby requested to consent and agree to the consolidation of the
7 submission of the above-mentioned proposed measure at the General Municipal Election with
the election conducted by Solano County to be held on Tuesday, November 5, 2024.

8 **Section 13.** The Solano County Registrar of Voters is authorized to canvass the returns of
9 the general municipal election. The election shall be held in all respects as if there were only
one election, and only one form of ballot shall be used.

10 **Section 14.** The Solano County Board of Supervisors is requested to issue instructions to the
11 Solano County Registrar of Voters to take any and all necessary steps for the holding of this
12 consolidated election.

13 **Section 15.** The City of Suisun City recognizes that additional costs will be incurred by
14 Solano County by reason of this consolidation and agrees to reimburse Solano County for any
costs.

15 **Section 16.** The designated elections official is hereby directed to file a certified copy of this
16 Resolution with the Solano County Board of Supervisors and the Solano County Registrar of
17 Voters.

18 **Section 17.** The City Clerk shall certify to the passage and adoption of this Resolution and
19 enter it into the book of original Resolutions. This Resolution shall be effective immediately
upon passage and adoption.

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PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 2nd day of July, 2024.

[Redacted Signature]

ATTEST:

[Redacted Name]

Anita, Skinner, City Clerk

STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
COUNTY OF SOLANO) SS:
CITY OF SUISUN CITY)

I, Anita Skinner, City Clerk of the City of Suisun City, do hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution, being Resolution No. 2024-95 was passed and approved by the City Council of the City of Suisun City, at a regular meeting of said Council held on July 2, 2024 and that said Resolution was adopted by the following vote:

AYES:	Councilmembers:	<u>Dawson, Osum, Pal, Washington, Mayor Hernandez</u>
NOES:	Councilmembers:	<u>None</u>
ABSENT:	Councilmembers:	<u>None</u>
ABSTAIN:	Councilmembers:	<u>None</u>

WITNESS my hand and the seal of said City this 2nd day of July 2024.

[Redacted Signature]

Anita Skinner
City Clerk

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RESOLUTION NO. 2024-96

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A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SUISUN CITY PROVIDING FOR THE FILING OF ARGUMENTS, SETTING PRIORITIES FOR FILING WRITTEN ARGUMENTS AND DIRECTING THE CITY ATTORNEY TO PREPARE AN IMPARTIAL ANALYSIS, ALL REGARDING A GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON NOVEMBER 5, 2024, FOR THE PURPOSE OF SUBMITTING TO THE VOTERS AN INITIATIVE MEASURE RENEWING THE CURRENT 1% LOCAL TRANSACTIONS AND USE (“SALES”) TAX AT A 1.75% RATE AND EXTENDING THEREOF FOR 15 YEARS FROM ITS OPERATIVE DATE FOR THE GENERATION OF GENERAL MUNICIPAL REVENUE

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WHEREAS, on July 2, 2024, the City Council called and gave notice of a general municipal election to be held on November 5, 2024, and requested consolidation of the same with the Statewide General Election to be held on that date pursuant to Elections Code Section 10403; and

WHEREAS, the City currently has a general transactions and use tax pursuant to Chapter 3.14 of Title 3 of the Suisun City Municipal Code at a rate of 1%, which is set to expire in the near future; and

WHEREAS, on July 2, 2024, the City Council of the City of Suisun City ordered the submission to the voters at the general municipal election on November 5, 2024, a ballot measure to consider approving a proposed ordinance renewing the 1% sales tax at a rate of 1.75% and extending the tax for a period of 15 years from its operative date, where generated revenues will be deposited in the City’s General Fund, which requires approval of the majority of voters at either a general or a special election:

Suisun City Essential Services/ Public Safety Protection Measure. To maintain Suisun City’s financial stability and prevent cuts to city services, such as addressing crime/public nuisances associated with homelessness, preventing elimination of neighborhood police patrols, preventing cuts to 9-1-1 fire/ emergency medical response; and maintaining streets, shall the measure be adopted renewing the current 1% local sales tax at a 1.75% rate, providing approximately \$6,766,000 annually for 15 years, requiring independent audits, oversight, all fund local controlled?	YES
	NO

WHEREAS, California Elections Code Section 9282 authorizes the City Council, by majority vote, to adopt provisions to provide for the filing of arguments regarding city measures submitted at municipal elections.

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2 **NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SUISUN CITY,**
3 **HEREBY RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:**

4 **Section 1.** Pursuant to Elections Code Sections 9282 and 9287, the City Council
5 hereby authorizes, but does not require, Mayor Alma Hernandez and one other City Council
6 Member to prepare a written argument in favor of the foregoing measure.

7 **Section 2.** In the event that more than one argument for or against the foregoing
8 measure is timely submitted, the City Council's duly appointed elections official shall give
9 preference and priority first to arguments submitted by a member of the City Council, as
10 authorized by this Resolution, and second to individual voters, bona fide associations, or a
11 combination thereof, in the order set forth at California Elections Code Section 9287.

12 **Section 3.** In accordance with the requirements of Division 9, Chapter 3, Article 4
13 of the California Elections Code, all written arguments for or against the foregoing measure:
14 (1) shall not exceed three hundred (300) words in length; (2) shall be filed with the City's
15 designated elections official; (3) shall be accompanied by the printed name(s) and signature(s)
16 of the person(s) submitting it, or if submitted on behalf of an organization, the name of the
17 organization, and the printed name and signature of at least one of the principal officers who is
18 the author of the argument; and (4) shall be accompanied by the Form of Statement to be Filed
19 by Author(s) of Argument as provided for in California Elections Code Section 9600. The
20 arguments shall be filed with the City Clerk on or before 4:30 pm on August 16, 2024. All
21 written arguments may be changed or withdrawn until and including the date fixed by the City's
22 designated elections official, after which time no arguments for or against the foregoing
23 measure may be submitted to the elections official.

24 **Section 4.** The City Council hereby directs the City's designated elections official to
25 transmit a copy of the foregoing measure to the City Attorney. In accordance with California
26 Elections Code Section 9280, the City Attorney is hereby directed to prepare an impartial
27 analysis of the measure ("Impartial Analysis"), not to exceed five hundred (500) words in
28 length, showing the effect of the measure on the existing law and the operation of the measure.
The impartial analysis shall be filed with the City Clerk on or before 4:30 pm on August 14,
2024. The analysis shall include a statement indicating whether the measure was placed on the
ballot by a petition signed by the requisite number of voters or by the governing body of the
City. In the event the entire text of the measure is not printed on the ballot, nor in the voter
information portion of the sample ballot, there shall be printed immediately below the impartial
analysis, in no less than 10-point bold type, a legend substantially as follows: "The above
statement is an impartial analysis of Ordinance or Measure __. If you desire a copy of the
ordinance or measure, please call the elections official's office at (insert telephone number) and
a copy will be mailed at no cost to you." The impartial analysis shall be filed by the date set by
the City's designated elections official for the filing of primary arguments.

Section 5. The City's designated elections official shall cause the City Attorney's
Impartial Analysis, and duly selected arguments, to be printed and distributed to voters in
accordance with State law regarding same.

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RESOLUTION NO. 2024-97

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SUISUN CITY PROVIDING FOR THE FILING OF REBUTTAL ARGUMENT REGARDING A GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON NOVEMBER 5, 2024, FOR THE PURPOSE OF SUBMITTING TO THE VOTERS AN INITIATIVE MEASURE RENEWING THE CURRENT 1% LOCAL TRANSACTIONS AND USE (“SALES”) TAX AT A 1.75% RATE AND EXTENDING THEREOF FOR 15 YEARS FROM ITS OPERATIVE DATE FOR THE GENERATION OF GENERAL MUNICIPAL REVENUE

WHEREAS, on July 2, 2024, the City Council called and gave notice of a general municipal election to be held on November 5, 2024, and requested consolidation of the same with the Statewide General Election to be held on that date pursuant to Elections Code Section 10403; and

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	NO

WHEREAS, California Elections Code Section 9285 authorizes the City Council, by majority vote, to adopt provisions to provide for the filing of rebuttal arguments regarding city measures submitted at municipal elections.

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STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
COUNTY OF SOLANO) SS:
CITY OF SUISUN CITY)

I, Anita Skinner, City Clerk of the City of Suisun City, do hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution, being Resolution No. 2024-__ was passed and approved by the City Council of the City of Suisun City, at a regular meeting of said Council held on July 2, 2024 and that said Resolution was adopted by the following vote:

AYES: Councilmembers: Dawson, Osum, Pal, Washington, Mayor Hernandez
NOES: Councilmembers: None
ABSENT: Councilmembers: None
ABSTAIN: Councilmembers: None

WITNESS my hand and the seal of said City this 2nd day of July 2024.



Anita Skinner
City Clerk