

RESOLUTION NO. __18

A NON-BINDING RESOLUTION CONCERNING
REFERRAL OF A FIREFIGHTER COLLECTIVE
BARGAINING MEASURE AT THE NEXT GENERAL
MUNICIPAL ELECTION

WHEREAS, on May 8, 2018, members of Colorado Springs Professional Firefighters Union, IAFF Local 5 (the "Union") requested City Council to refer a ballot measure to authorize collective bargaining for firefighters employed by the City at the April 2, 2019 General Municipal Election; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to C.R.S. § 31-2-210(1)(a) electors of the City may initiate a Charter amendment by petition. That power may be exercised by following the initiative petition requirements of Article XII of the City Charter, including but not limited to § 12-30, and City Code, Chapter 5, Article 1, Part 4; and

WHEREAS, City Charter Article XII, § 12-10(e) also provides that, "[s]ubject to the provisions of Section 12-10(d), the Council may, of its own motion, submit to electoral vote for adoption or rejection at a general or special municipal election any proposed ordinance or measure in the same manner and with the same force and effect as is provided for initiated ordinances." Council may refer a Charter Amendment to the electors pursuant to C.R.S. § 31-2-210(1)(b) and City Code, Chapter 5, Article 1, Part 1.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLORADO SPRINGS, COLORADO:

Section 1. Subject to City Council review of the specific language proposed for a collective bargaining Charter amendment, City Council hereby expresses its present intention to submit a ballot issue relating to firefighter collective bargaining to the electors of the City of Colorado Springs at the April 2, 2019 General Municipal Election.

Section 2. The City Council declares that its sole reason for making its expression of intent set forth in Section 1 of this Resolution is to avoid the possibility of calling a Special Municipal Election, should the Union successfully petition for election on a Charter amendment in accordance with Article XII of the Charter, the City Code, and C.R.S. § 31-2-210(1)(a).

Section 3. The City Council declares that its action with regards to this Resolution is non-binding and may not be relied upon by the Union or any person

regarding its subject matter, it remaining within the sole and absolute discretion of City Council to refer a ballot measure.

DATED at Colorado Springs, Colorado, this _____ day of _____, 2018.

Council President

ATTEST:

Sarah B. Johnson, City Clerk