

RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_ - 14

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING ADVISORY BALLOT QUESTION 1B SUBMITTED TO THE REGISTERED ELECTORS OF PROPOSED PIKES PEAK REGIONAL DRAINAGE AUTHORITY PURSUANT TO CITY CODE 5.2.304(A)

WHEREAS, pursuant to City Code 5.2.304(A) the City Council may adopt a resolution supporting an election issue submitted to the electors in certain instances; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has approved an Intergovernmental Agreement (hereinafter "IGA") among El Paso County, the City of Colorado Springs, the City of Manitou Springs, the City of Fountain, and the Town of Green Mountain Falls for the creation of the Pikes Peak Regional Drainage Authority (hereinafter "PPRDA") conditioned upon the affirmative vote of the members of the Authority in support of its formation; and

WHEREAS, El Paso County's Board of Commissioners has approved an advisory ballot question to be submitted to the registered electors in the PPRDA boundaries asking voters whether they supported the imposition of a fee on real property by the PPRDA, which measure will appear on the November 4, 2014 ballot for registered electors in the PPRDA; and

WHEREAS, by this resolution, City Council affirms the importance of stormwater infrastructure and management to mitigate flooding, protect human health and safety, to preserve property, to increase property values, protect downstream communities, reduce flood insurance costs, meet federal and state regulatory requirements, enhance recreational opportunities, promote economic development and to enhance the economic viability and growth of the region; and

WHEREAS, updated stormwater infrastructure and management are critical to public health and safety and particularly emergent in our community due to the recent wildfires that increase the risk of flash flooding in our region, endangering the lives of our citizens, as well as causing significant erosion and other environmental damage and economic loss; and

WHEREAS, the management and control of stormwater flows in order to mitigate flooding, sedimentation and erosion; address water quality and riparian habitat concerns; improve drainage; protect human health and safety; preserve property; increase property values; protect downstream communities; reduce flood insurance costs; meet federal and state regulatory requirements; enhance recreational opportunities; and promote economic development is an

important public objective which needs to be pursued throughout the Pikes Peak Region; and

WHEREAS, there exists significant advantages to addressing stormwater control on a regional basis, including maximization of the efficiency and effectiveness of stormwater control measures, and the minimization of the costs associated with capital project construction, flood related emergency needs and ongoing operations and maintenance; and

WHEREAS, the creation of a Regional Drainage Authority, authorized pursuant to C.R.S. § 29-1-204.2, comprised of and directed by representatives of El Paso County, the City of Colorado Springs, the City of Manitou Springs, the City of Fountain and the Town of Green Mountain Falls would be the most efficient and effective method of accomplishing these desires; and

WHEREAS, deficiencies in existing stormwater control programs must be addressed decisively and in a timely manner in order to protect and advance the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of the City of Colorado Springs, and those deficiencies are addressed in a comprehensive and cost effective manner through creation of the Pikes Peak Regional Drainage Authority (PPRDA); and

WHEREAS, in furtherance of the goal of promoting the economic growth of the region, the fee schedule proposed by the PPRDA strikes a balance between being affordable to homeowners, while protecting the public health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of the Pikes Peak region; and

WHEREAS, enhancing economic development and business growth of the region is of the utmost importance to the Board and the PPRDA will be a beneficial tool in promoting commercial businesses in the region; and

WHEREAS, to ensure support of commercial businesses, the IGA contemplates that, in developing PPRDA fees, attention will be paid to the needs of business property owners, allowing the fee rate structure to be set so that the treatment of contiguous commercial properties owned by different corporate entities, yet operate as a single management unit, are treated as a single property, rather than multiple properties, even if they may be designated as individual properties by the El Paso County Assessor.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Colorado Springs:

Section 1. City Council hereby adopts this resolution in support of Ballot Question 1B as being in the best interests of the citizens of Colorado Springs and of the public's health, safety and welfare.

Section 2. The City Council authorizes distribution of this resolution in accordance with the City Code.

DATED at Colorado Springs, Colorado, this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2014

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Keith King, Council President

ATTEST:

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Sarah Johnson, City Clerk