



Legislation Text

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An ordinance submitting a Charter amendment to the electors of the City of Colorado Springs for the general municipal election to be held April 7, 2015 relating to voting requirements for funding or financing a stadium and event center

From:

Council President Keith King, Councilmember Don Knight

Summary:

The proposed ordinances, should one be approved, refer a Charter amendment relating to requiring prior voter approval for any City stadium and event center to the April 2015 general municipal election ballot.

An item is included on the January 12, 2015 work session agenda relating to a Council resolution on the subject that would not have the effect of referring the item to the April 2015 ballot. Council may discuss this alternative should it decide not to adopt either of the referral ordinances contained in this item.

Previous Council Action:

City Council first considered an ordinance pertaining to this issue at its September 8, 2014 work session and September 23, 2014 regular meeting, at which time the item was postponed to the regular meeting of November 10, 2014. At that time, an additional alternative ordinance was introduced by President King, and the matter was further postponed to December 9, 2014 to allow time for the City Attorney's Office to review. At its December 9 meeting, Council postponed consideration to the January 12, 2015 work session meeting and January 13, 2015 regular meeting.

Background:

In 2005, voters overwhelmingly approved a Charter amendment that requires prior voter approval of any City convention center. Article XI (Elections), section 11-70 also provides voters with full financial transparency when considering any future convention center.

A recent stadium and event center proposal has resulted in many of the same concerns presented with convention centers, particularly with regard to financing and funding. The similar concerns, coupled with citizen feedback received during dozens of public meetings, has led Councilmember Miller to conclude that prior voter approval should be necessary for any City stadium and event center.

Financial Implications:

N/A

Board/Commission Recommendation:

N/A

Stakeholder Process:

N/A

Alternatives:

N/A

Proposed Motion:

Adopt the ordinance.

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