



CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM

Date: July 8, 2015

To: Mayor and City Council Members

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Subject: Timeline for Library Millage Question, November 3, 2015 City General Election

Background:

On Tuesday, August 2, 2011, Troy voters approved a five-year, dedicated millage of 0.7 mills for the purpose of funding operations of the Troy Public Library. The term of this millage is July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2016.

When the Financial Ideas Team (FIT) met on April 23, 2015, the participants discussed three funding scenarios, and consensed that the issue of Troy Public Library funding should be resolved with a renewal of the existing dedicated millage of 0.7 mills. At the Budget Study Session on April 27, City Administration and City Council discussed three funding scenarios for continued operations of the Troy Public Library:

<p>1. Renew 0.7 mills <i>and</i> 2. Use Library Fund Balance for Library Materials <i>and</i> 3. Capital Subsidy from City of Troy (if needed) (Average \$170,000 Annually)</p>	<p>1. Renew 0.7 mills <i>and</i> 2. Use Library Fund Balance for Library Materials <i>and</i> 3. An Additional 0.04 mills (Eliminate Capital Fund Subsidy)</p>	<p>1. Funded through the City's General Fund</p>
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To continue funding the operations of the Troy Public Library for the next five years, the Financial Ideas Team and City Administration recommend that City Council approve placement of a ballot question, as suggested in the first scenario, for renewal of the Troy Public Library Operating Millage Proposal in the amount of 0.7 mills for the November 3, 2015 ballot. If renewed, the term of the renewed dedicated Library millage would be July 1, 2016 – June 30, 2021. As per the first scenario, Library Materials would be purchased utilizing Library Fund Balance and, if needed, a Capital Subsidy would be transferred from the City of Troy Capital Fund for building improvements. Proposed ballot language will be included on the next Regular City Council Agenda of July 20, 2015.

Election Timeline:



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The regularly scheduled City General Election will be held on Tuesday, November 3, 2015. The ballot for this election already contains the contests for Mayor, 3 Council Members and 1 partial-term Council Member. The following timeline highlights important dates prior to the November 3, 2015 City General Election:

- July 20: City Council Regular Meeting prior to deadline where Council could vote on proposal language
- August 10: Last Regular City Council Meeting prior to deadline where Council could vote on proposal language
- August 10, August 24, September 14: If requested, Council could vote on content neutral mailer explaining Yes/No on proposal question
- August 11, 2015 4:00PM: Deadline to submit certified millage proposal language to County Clerk (Elections Division)
- November 3: City General Election Day