



RESOLUTION 2016-018

A RESOLUTION OPPOSING BALLOT MEASURE NO. 34-244

WHEREAS, the citizens of Sherwood elect members of the community to represent them on the Sherwood City Council once every four (4) years;

WHEREAS, Council members are obliged to review in detail and conduct extensive analysis of the operations of the City, including the budget and matters that effect the economics of its constituents;

WHEREAS, Council members debate to establish rates and fees that the citizens, including themselves, will be charged for certain capital improvements and services;

WHEREAS, it is the Council's belief that Measure 34-244 will result in significant financial and lifestyle impacts to its citizens by forcing the City to operate without the ability to raise fees (such as System Development Charges (SDCs) and rates charged for garbage, water, etc.) when there is a clear need to do so to adequately provide for the citizens of Sherwood;

WHEREAS, the Initiative will require that the City place any proposed rate hike or increase in fees greater than 2% on the ballot for public voting, thereby forcing the City to incur a cost of approximately \$10,000 or more to put the issue on the ballot (based on recent election costs), which contradicts the purpose of the Initiative to control costs and fees;

WHEREAS, Measure 34-~~344~~ requires that our City Charter be amended to include a required double majority vote to approve any new fee or fees by more than 2%, whereby the majority of registered voters have to vote and a majority of those who cast their ballots must approve the proposed increase in fees and/or rates;

WHEREAS, given Measure 34-244's double-majority requirement and past voter turnout showing that there has never been a majority of the electorate in Sherwood, it is predicted that the City will be prevented from funding capital projects and improvements needed for its citizens;

WHEREAS, Council members, in acknowledging their responsibility for which the citizens have entrusted them for years, desire to formally state their opposition to initiative #34-244 on the May 2016 ballot.


NOW THEREFORE, it is resolved by the City of Sherwood as follows:

1. City of Sherwood City Council opposes the passage of Measure 34-244; and
2. The City of Sherwood City Council urges all Sherwood Citizens to vote NO on Measure 34-244.
3. This resolution is effective upon adoption.

Adopted by the Sherwood City Council at a regular meeting thereof this 5th day of April 2016, and filed with the Sherwood City Recorder.


Krisanna Clark, Mayor

Attest:


Sylvia Murphy, MMC, City Recorder