R-1314-111

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORMAN, OKLAHOMA, EXPRESSING THE INTENT OF THE CITY COUNCIL TO USE THOSE REVENUES GENERATED FROM THE TEMPORARY PUBLIC SAFETY SALES TAX REFERENDUM THAT ARE UNENCUMBERED WHEN THE TAX EXPIRES ON SEPTEMBER 30, 2015 FOR PUBLIC SAFETY CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS, PROVIDED VOTERS APPROVE THE PUBLIC SAFETY SALES LEVY UNDER ORDINANCE NO. 0-1314-33.

- § 1. WHEREAS, on March 11, 2008, the City Council adopted Ordinance No. O-0708-32, the Public Safety Sales Tax ("PSST I"), creating a temporary one half of one percent sales tax on retail sales extending from October 1, 2008 to September 30, 2015 with the revenues generated thereby to be used primarily for public safety purposes; and
- § 2. WHEREAS, the voters of the City of Norman approved Ordinance No. O-0708-32, PSST I, at a duly called election held on May 13, 2008; and
- § 3. WHEREAS, the primary purposes of PSST I, including the addition of seventy-one (71) public safety personnel, will have been accomplished before its expiration on September 30, 2015; and
- § 4. WHEREAS, because PSST I was a temporary sales tax, Council previously directed staff to reserve adequate revenues generated from PSST I to continue to fund the seventy-one (71) public safety personnel positions and associated equipment expenditures for an additional six months beyond the expiration date of PSST I; and
- § 5. WHEREAS, the City Council has authorized funding from PSST I revenues to accomplish a number of additional public safety capital improvements and expenditures authorized by the PSST I Ordinance including: improved communication systems; remodeling and equipping the Norman Investigations Center (formerly Smalley Center); making a contribution to the "Rainy Day" Fund; and making a contribution to the General Fund in support of the emergency communications function; among other expenditures, and City Council anticipates revenues from PSST I to remain unencumbered beyond those purposes on September 30, 2015; and



- § 6. WHEREAS, on January 28, 2014, the City Council adopted Ordinance No. O-1314-33, the continuation of the Public Safety Sales Tax ("PSST II"), that will continue to levy a one half of one percent tax on retail sales beginning on October 1, 2015; and
- WHEREAS, the voters of the City of Norman will consider approval of Ordinance No. O-1314-33, PSST II, at a duly called election held on April 1, 2014; and
- § 8. WHEREAS, if PSST II is approved by the voters, the revenues collected to be set aside from PSST I initially intended to pay for salaries, benefits, and associated equipment of the seventy-one (71) public safety personnel hired under PSST I for an additional six months beyond the expiration of PSST I will no longer be necessary for such a purpose, and revenues collected that are unencumbered on September 30, 2015, as described in Section 5 above, together, are estimated to be four million nine hundred thousand dollars (\$4.9 million); and
- § 9. WHEREAS, City Council desires to formally express its intent, should the voters approve PSST II, to utilize the PSST I revenues identified in Section 8 above, to the extent needed, for the specific Public Safety capital improvements identified in the PSST II Ordinance.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORMAN, OKLAHOMA:

§ 10. That should the voters approve Ordinance O-1314-33, then the revenues collected under PSST I originally intended to provide for salary, benefits, and associated equipment for the seventy-one public safety personnel positions for an additional six months beyond the expiration date of PSST I, and the other unencumbered PSST I revenues on September 30, 2015, shall be used, to the extent needed, for the specific Public Safety capital improvements identified in the PSST II Ordinance.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this	day of	, 2014.
	Mayor	
ATTEST:		
City Clerk		