Street Improvement Plan Residential/Local Reconstruction

Funding Options – Part 3



Council Presentation July 28, 2015

CITY OF CORPUS CHRIST

LOCAL / RESIDENTIAL

RECONSTRUCTION



Funding Options



| | | Debt Funded * | | | Cash Funded | | |
|---|---------------------------|--------------------------------|--|---|--------------------------------|-----------------|---|
| | Funding Option | Estimated Tax Rate Increase | Total Cost of Borrowing (principal and interest) | Dollars for Projects (Utilities are approximately 1:1) | Estimated Tax Rate Increase | Total Cost | Dollars for Projects (Utilities are approximately 1:1) |
| 1 | \$10 million for 10 years | + \$0.041 | \$158,719,450 | \$100,000,000 | + \$0.059 | \$100,000,000 | \$100,000,000 |
| 2 | \$15 million for 10 years | + \$0.053 | \$238,085,625 | \$150,000,000 | + \$0.088 | \$150,000,000 | \$150,000,000 |
| 3 | \$20 million for 10 years | + \$0.066 | \$317,448,975 | \$200,000,000 | + \$0.118 | \$200,000,000 | \$200,000,000 |
| 4 | \$30 million for 10 years | + \$0.093 | \$476,162,300 | \$300,000,000 | + \$0.176 | \$300,000,000 | \$300,000,000 |
| 5 | \$40 million for 10 years | + \$0.122 | \$634,877,850 | \$400,000,000 | + \$0.235 | \$400,000,000 | \$400,000,000 |
| 6 | \$60 million for 10 years | + \$0.183 | \$952,310,375 | \$600,000,000 | + \$0.353 | \$600,000,000 | \$600,000,000 |
| 7 | \$25 million for 32 years | + \$0.087 | \$1,318,651,650 | \$800,000,000 | + \$0.147 | \$800,000,000 | \$800,000,000 |
| 8 | \$50 million for 32 years | + \$0.188 | \$2,637,347,425 | \$1,600,000,000 | + \$0.294 | \$1,600,000,000 | \$1,600,000,000 |

* - Debt includes the cost of funding arterial and collector streets at \$55,000,000 every 2 years for 10 years.



Funding Utilities with General Obligation Bonds



PRO's

- Does not add pressure to utility rates or to utility revenue bonding capacity.
- Cost of borrowing for general obligation bonds is less than that of utility revenue bonds.

<u>CON's</u>

- Burden of paying the debt is shifted to property owners. Those with higher values will pay more.
- Owners of commercial properties would be paying for residential streets.
- Increased debt due to utilities would reduce general obligation bonding capacity.



Calling an Election



- □ The Texas Election Code does not allow cities to simply call elections for tax increases unless the City Charter provides for referendum elections at the initiation of the governing body.
- □ The City of Corpus Christi's Charter does not allow this and excludes the "levy of taxes" from the referendum process.



Decision Points



- 1. Decide how to pay for utility work associated with residential streets:
 - a. Issue general obligation debt for streets and utility revenue bonds for associated utilities
 - b. Issue general obligation debt for both streets and utilities
 - c. Cash fund through the property tax rate for streets and issue utility revenue bonds for associated utilities
 - d. Cash fund through the property tax rate for both streets and utilities



Decision Points (con't)



- 2. Hold a bond election in November 2015 to fund residential streets.
- 3. Adopt a tax increase exceeding the rollback rate with an amount above the rollback rate dedicated to streets.
- 4. Couple a tax increase with a Charter revision to establish a portion of the Maintenance and Operations (M&O) property tax devoted for residential streets and call an election.
- 5. Revise the City Charter to allow City Council-submitted referendums. Then submit questions of establishing a fund dedicated to streets to the voters.
- 6. Survey the citizens to get their opinions on how to fund residential streets.

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Discussion



Extending the life of our streets.