Proposed Bond Referendum for Affordable Housing

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Chapel Hill Town Council Business Meeting

Introduction

- My recommendation is to move forward with a \$10 million affordable housing bond referendum
- We believe this amount is both prudent with regard to managing our debt situation and sufficient to make meaningful progress toward our affordable housing targets

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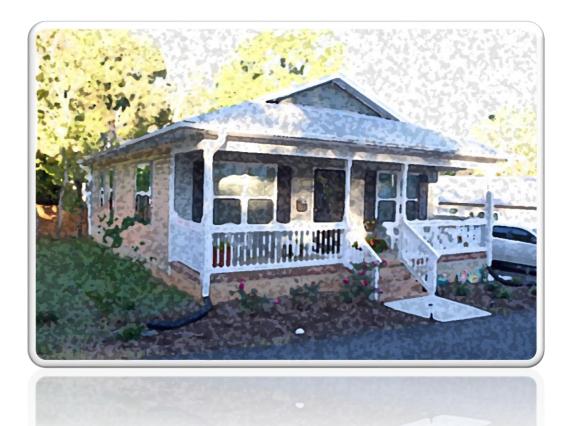
- Council has the following options:
 - 1. Adopt the resolution as presented (November 2018 referendum not to exceed \$10 million)
 - Modify the resolution changing the amount to not to exceed \$15 million
 - 3. Take no action tonight and consider a referendum for 2019
 - 4. Take no action tonight and consider pay-go funding with a dedicated increase in the tax rate

Introduction

- Staff will develop evaluation criteria for projects prior to referendum
- After a successful referendum:
 - Staff will recommend issuance of bonds when approved projects have progressed to the point where they are shovelready
 - Tax increase for debt service will be recommended in the budget for the first year debt service is due
- Staff will make a brief presentation and the Town's Bond Counsel is here tonight if you have any legal questions

The Purpose of this Item

Consider adoption of a resolution stating the intent to proceed with a **Affordable Housing Bond Referendum in an amount** not to exceed \$10 million



Potential Subsidy Needs

FIVE-YEAR AFFORDABLE HOUSING PROJECTIONS

Provider	Project Name	Units	Rental/ Ownership	Total Project Cost	Estimated Subsidy
Non-profits	(Various)	37	Rental	\$ 6,095,655	\$ 1,050,810
Non-profits	(Various)	154	Ownership	18,191,383	6,918,383
Town of Chapel Hill	2200 Homestead Road	130	Rental	16,345,185	5,000,000
Town of Chapel Hill	Northside – Public Hsg	80	Rental	7,272,000	1,813,000
Total		401		\$ 48,979,223	\$15,857,193
				Available Town 5yr Funding*	\$13,440,000

* Includes \$10 million bonds & \$688,000 current annual funding level

Repayment of the Bonds

- The Town does not have sufficient capacity in its Debt Fund to implement its existing capital program with the current dedicated tax
- Issuance of \$10 million of Affordable Housing Bonds will require an increase in the Debt Fund tax rate at the time the bonds are issued



Alternatives

- 1. Move forward with the referendum for November 2018
- 2. Modify resolution to increase amount to \$15 million
- 3. Take no action consider 2019 referendum
- 4. Take no action and consider pay-go solution with a dedicated tax increase for Affordable Housing





- 1. Adopt Resolution stating intent to proceed with an Affordable Housing Referendum:
 - a. Publication of a notice of intent to file an application with the LGC
 - a. Make Legislative Committee filing
 - b. File LGC application
 - c. Give notice to County Board of Elections



- Council introduces Bond Orders, schedules public hearing and authorizes debt statement (April 25, 2018)
 Council holds public hearing; adopts bond orders and sets ballot questions and referendum date (May 23, 2018)
- 3.Publish Bond Orders and notice of referendum (twice) 4.Referendum (November 6, 2018)

Recommendation

Adopt Resolution R-4 Stating the intent to proceed with a Affordable **Housing Bond Referendum** in an amount not to exceed \$10 million

