



Agenda Item Summary

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Agenda Item Title

Concur with the Taxing Bodies Efficiency Task Force Recommendation and Adopt an Ordinance Authorizing the Submission of an Advisory Referendum Question on the November 6, 2018 General Election Ballot asking voters "Shall the merger and consolidation of Oak Park taxing bodies be considered, including, but not limited to, the Village of Oak Park, Oak Park Township, the Oak Park Public Library and the Park District of Oak Park, to determine if there would be efficiencies, the elimination of redundancies and/or property tax reduction for the residents of Oak Park?"

Overview

On July 23, 2018, the Village Board received the Taxing Bodies Efficiency Task Force recommendation and directed staff to prepare an ordinance to place an advisory referendum on the November 6, 2018 General Election Ballot. On February 20, 2018, the Village Board approved a Resolution creating the Efficiencies Task Force. As the Task Force is concluding its series of public discussions to review collaboration and efficiencies the recommendation for an advisory referendum is coming forward in order to meet the statutory deadlines for Village Board consideration in conjunction with the Village Board calendar for July and August.

Staff Recommendation

Review the attached recommendation of the Task Force and accompanying ordinance authorizing submission of an advisory referendum to be placed on the November 6, 2018 general election ballot.

Also attached are responses from the Township, Park District, Village and Library regarding their perspectives on coordination.

Fiscal Impact

The Village is precluded from expending Village Funds to advocate a position on a ballot question.

Background

The Task Force adopted a motion recommending the Village Board adopt an ordinance to place the following advisory referendum on the November 6, 2018 election ballot. The motion was approved by a 5-2 vote and a report is attached with the suggested wording for an advisory referendum.

The Task Force alone cannot take action to place an advisory referendum on the ballot. Therefore the Village Board is being asked to consider this action. The Village Board must act XX days prior to the election.

The Village Board adopted its 2018-2019 Board Goals on February 5, 2018 pursuant to Resolution Number 18-781 and one of its goals is *“Financial and Fiscal Responsibility”* and on February 20, 2018, the Village Board approved a Resolution creating the Efficiencies Task Force pursuant to the Board Boal of *“Collaboration”* under which is the objective to establish a task force by February 20, 2018 to evaluate redundancies amongst all local taxing bodies.

Alternatives

The Village Board could seek additional information.

Previous Board Action

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Citizen Advisory Commission Action

Information related to the Efficiencies Task Force and their meetings can be found at <https://www.oak-park.us/your-government/village-board/taxing-body-efficiency-task-force>

Anticipated Future Actions/Commitments

N/A

Intergovernmental Cooperation Opportunities

N/A

Performance Management (MAP) Alignment

N/A