



CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEMS

To: Mayor and City Council
From: Dean Rich, Director of Finance
Walter Denton, City Administrator
Date: September 8, 2009
Subject: Resolution to place a referendum on General Primary Election Ballot on Tuesday, February 2, 2010 to discontinue the office of City Treasurer.

List of committees that have reviewed: Finance and Administration

Background: Ordinance 1945 amended the codified Ordinance of the City of O'Fallon, Illinois, creating the Director of Finance and establishing a Budget Officer. The Director of Finance is in charge of City budgeting, auditing, reporting, accounting and all other fiscal management procedures in all municipal departments, boards and commissions. Creation of the Director of Finance and Budget Officer positions superseded all duties of an elected treasurer, but did not eliminate the position of treasurer. Resolution 2006-46 declared the City of O'Fallon Home Rule. In a July 8, 2009 letter City Attorney Dale Funk finds, "A home rule municipality shall have the power to provide for its officers, their manner of selection and terms of office." As such, the City may, by referendum, discontinue the office of City Treasurer.

Legal Considerations, if any: Reviewed by City Attorney, Dale Funk. Must be placed as a referendum on the General Primary Election Ballot on Tuesday, February 2, 2010

Budget Impact: By eliminating position, reduces salaries by \$11,000

Staff recommendation: Recommend approval