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ITEM TITLE:

Discussion Item: Special Election for Bonding Referendum

SUBMITTED BY: Brian Carlson, Finance Director

FISCAL NOTES:

Expenditure Required: n/a
Unencumbered Balance: n/a
Funding Source: n/a

RECOMMENDATION:

Authorize staff to prepare a special election resolution for council consideration

SUMMARY STATEMENT:

- Staff is seeking Council consensus to proceed in drafting a resolution for a special election / bonding resolution in September, 2019.
- Though the city has sufficient cash reserves to fund most prioritized projects, staff proposes issuing additional debt in 2019 as a revenue-retention tactic.
- Staff estimates that \$400,000 of revenue is at risk in both 2019 and 2020. In order to retain this excess revenue, the City needs a new instrument to generate additional debt-service expenses in each year.
- Staff is proposing another bond-authorization ballot measure via special election in early

September, 2019. The recommended project is **Pavement Management Phase 1 (Construction)**.

- This project is comprised of:
 - Immediate (2019) repairs, which are already funded:
 - Robe River Dylan and River Drives repaving
 - Clifton, E. Hanagita, E. Kobuk, Fairbanks, Kennicott, and Meals patching, repairs and lane replacement
 - Design for 2020 construction (design is already funded):
 - South Harbor drive, Meals- Pioneer to Egan, W. Egan, remainder of Robe River
- The bonding ballot measure would seek voter authorization for \$7 to \$10 million (current staff estimate, pending final scope and design) in debt to fund construction in 2020 with the aforementioned design.