

RESOLUTION NO. 10309

RESOLUTION ORDERING AND CALLING A SPECIAL BOND ELECTION TO BE HELD IN AND FOR THE CITY OF MESA, MARICOPA COUNTY, ARIZONA, ON NOVEMBER 5, 2013, TO SUBMIT TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS THEREOF THE QUESTION OF AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS OF THE CITY.

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the City of Mesa, Arizona (the "City"), believe it to be in the best interest of the City to authorize the issuance and sale of \$130,800,000 principal amount of General Obligation Bonds; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary that the Mayor and Council submit the questions of the issuance and sale of such bonds to the qualified electors of the City; and

WHEREAS, the Council may consolidate the special election with any other election conducted in the City on November 5, 2013.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MESA, MARICOPA COUNTY, ARIZONA, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. **Order Election; Ballot.** Pursuant to Arizona Revised Statutes ("A.R.S.") Section 35-453, as amended, a special bond election in the City is hereby ordered and called to be held on November 5, 2013, to submit to the qualified electors of the City the questions as shown on form of ballot attached hereto and marked Exhibit A which is a part of this resolution and the terms of which are incorporated by reference herein. If approved, the bonds may be issued as general obligation bonds pursuant to Title 35, Chapter 3, Article 3, as amended, payable from an ad valorem tax levied on all taxable property within the corporate limits of the City.

Section 2. **Call for Election.** Pursuant to A.R.S. § 35-455(B), the aggregate amount of bonds set forth above shall bear a maximum rate of interest of nine percent (9%), may run for a minimum number of years from their date of one (1) year or fraction thereof and a maximum of twenty-five (25) years. The current outstanding general obligation debt of the City for the purposes included in the twenty percent (20%) debt limit category is \$324,244,962 and for the purposes included in the six percent (6%) debt limit category is \$1,325,038. The twenty percent (20%) and six percent (6%) constitutional debt limits of the City are \$511,926,784 and \$153,578,035, respectively. The bonds may be refunded by the issuance of refunding bonds of a weighted average maturity of less than 75% of the weighted average maturity of the bonds being refunded.

Section 3. **Notice.** Notice of the special bond election is ordered to be given by causing an informational pamphlet to be mailed not less than thirty-five (35) days before the date of election to the residence of each registered voter of the City as shown on the general county register. The City Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to cause the informational pamphlet to be prepared and mailed as required by law and in accordance with the provisions of

this resolution and to cause a copy of the informational pamphlet to be submitted to the Arizona Department of Revenue within thirty (30) days after the election. The publication of the call and notice of the special election shall be given, or caused to be given, by the City Clerk, as provided by law, and as may be deemed necessary and appropriate in the City Clerk's discretion to advise the public of the election.

Section 4. Informational Pamphlet. The City Clerk is hereby directed to cause the preparation and distribution of an informational pamphlet and sample ballot for the City pursuant to and meeting the requirements of, A.R.S. § 35-454 and, if the City Clerk determines it to be in the City's best interests, combine such informational pamphlet and sample ballot with any other publicity pamphlet being prepared for the November 5, 2013 election. The officers of the City are hereby authorized to prepare and deliver or cause to be prepared and delivered to the City Clerk the information necessary or appropriate for completing the informational pamphlet, including, without limitation: the estimated debt retirement schedule for the current amount of bonds outstanding; estimated debt retirement schedule for the proposed bond authorization; source of repayment; estimated issuance cost; estimated tax impact on an average owner-occupied residence, commercial, industrial and agricultural or other vacant property; estimated total cost of the proposed bond authorization, including principal and interest; current outstanding general obligation debt and constitutional debt limitation; an introductory statement on behalf of the City; and a statement of the purpose for which the bonds are to be issued.

Section 5. Submitting Notarized Arguments. Pursuant to A.R.S. § 35-454, as amended, the City hereby sets the date of August 7, 2013 at the hour of 6:00 p.m. as the deadline to submit notarized arguments "for" or "against" authorization to issue the bonds. The City Clerk is authorized to prepare and publish in a newspaper of general circulation within the City a notice stating the deadline for filing with the City of arguments "for" or "against" the bonds. A form of the notice requesting arguments "for" and "against" the bonds shall also include the estimated average tax rate for the proposed bonds.

Section 6. Conduct of Election. The election will be conducted in the manner provided by law, and the poll lists kept, and the votes cast thereat shall be counted and tabulated and the returns thereof will be made in the manner provided by law and only persons will be allowed to vote at the election who are qualified electors of the City. The election may be consolidated with any other election conducted in the City on November 5, 2013.

The Clerk is hereby directed to cause ballots to be printed and delivered to the election boards to be furnished to the qualified electors offering to vote at the election. The special bond election may be conducted using either electromechanical or electronic vote recording and ballot counting equipment or paper ballots, as shall be determined to be in the best interests of the City by the Maricopa County Elections Department and the Mayor and the City Clerk or either of them. The Mayor and the City Clerk or either of them is authorized and directed to enter into a contract with the Maricopa County Recorder to obtain precinct registers for the election and to enter into an agreement with the Maricopa County Elections Department to conduct the election for the City.

Section 7. Deadline for Registration and Early Voting. Early voting will be permitted at the election in accordance with the provisions of Title 16, Chapter 4, Article 8, Arizona Revised Statutes, as amended. Maricopa County registration and voting lists will be used for the special election. To be qualified to vote in the special election, a City resident must be registered to vote by Monday, October 7, 2013.

Requests for early ballots for the special election will be available to qualified City electors beginning Sunday, August 4, 2013. Official ballots for the special election will be mailed beginning Thursday, October 10, 2013.

Section 8. Voting Rights Act Submission. To comply with the Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended, the following proceedings pertaining to this election will be translated into Spanish and posted, published and/or recorded in each instance where posting, publication and recording of such proceedings are required such as this call of election, ballot, voter informational pamphlet, all early voting material and all instructions at the polls.

Section 9. Establishing Polling Places. The polling places used in the City will be the polling places established by Maricopa County and used for conducting previous elections in the City, if available. The polls will be open from 6:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. on Election Day.

Section 10. Canvass. The election officials will forward the votes cast to the City Council for canvassing. The City Council will meet at the Council Chambers on a day that is within twenty (20) days after the election date to canvass the returns of the election and will file and record a certificate of result of election in the office of the Maricopa County Recorder. The City Council will be governed by the vote of the majority on the question submitted.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Mesa, Maricopa County, Arizona, on July 8, 2013.

APPROVED:



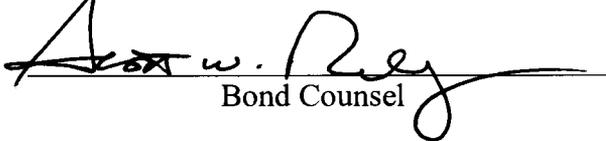
Mayor

ATTEST:



City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Bond Counsel



Exhibit A: Official Ballot

CERTIFICATION

I, Dee Ann Mickelsen, the duly appointed and acting City Clerk of the City of Mesa, Arizona, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing Resolution No. 10309 was duly passed by the City Council of the City of Mesa, Arizona, at a regular meeting held on July 8, 2013, and the vote was 6 aye's and 0 nay's and that the Mayor and 5 Council Members were present thereat.

Dated: July 8, 2013



City Clerk

EXHIBIT A

QUESTION NO. 1

PURPOSE: PUBLIC SAFETY BONDS
AMOUNT: \$51,700,000

Shall Mesa, Arizona, be authorized to issue and sell general obligation bonds of the City in the principal amount of \$51,700,000 to provide funds to acquire, construct, improve, furnish and equip buildings, which may include but is not limited to, fire stations, fire and medical dispatch/communication centers, support equipment and technology, vehicles, land and interests in land for public safety purposes, and pay all costs thereof; the bonds, and any bonds issued to refund the City's bonds, may be sold at prices that include premiums not greater than permitted by law; may bear fixed or variable interest not exceeding nine percent (9%) per annum, and may have principal payable not later than 25 years from the date issued?

These bonds will be issued as General Obligation Bonds and the issuance of these bonds will result in a property tax increase sufficient to pay the annual debt service on bonds, unless the governing body provides for payment from other sources. The bonds may be refunded by the issuance of refunding bonds of a weighted average maturity of less than 75% of the weighted average maturity of the bonds being refunded.

FOR THE BONDS	<input type="checkbox"/>
AGAINST THE BONDS	<input type="checkbox"/>

QUESTION NO. 2

PURPOSE: STREET AND HIGHWAY BONDS
AMOUNT: \$79,100,000

Shall Mesa, Arizona, be authorized to issue and sell general obligation bonds of the City in the principal amount of \$79,100,000 to provide funds to plan, design, acquire, construct, reconstruct and improve the City's streets, highways, bridges, street lights, pedestrian improvements, multi-use path and trail improvements, other vehicular and multi-modal transportation improvements, and acquire land and interests in land therefor, and pay all costs thereof; the bonds, and any bonds issued to refund the City's bonds, may be sold at prices that include premiums not greater than permitted by law; may bear fixed or variable interest not exceeding nine percent (9%) per annum, and may have principal payable not later than 25 years from the date issued?

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