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Action on Ordinance No. 918 – Authorizing a Bond Measure for Park Improvements and Park Land Acquisition

January 25, 2021



Background

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- *December 7* - Council directed staff to develop the legislation to place ballot measure on the April 2021 ballot.
- Proposed Ord. 918 would fund improvements to five neighborhood parks; make investments in three additional parks; provide for public art throughout the City and provide for the acquisition and improvement of new park land.
- *January 11* - Council discussed proposed Ord. 918 and supported moving it forward for potential action tonight.
- Council also directed staff to draft voter's pamphlet language to support the proposed ballot measure.

Proposed Ballot Title

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CITY OF SHORELINE PROPOSITION NO. 1 GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS FOR PARKS AND RECREATION IMPROVEMENTS

The City Council of the City of Shoreline adopted Ordinance No. 918 concerning neighborhood park improvements. This proposition authorizes the City to improve and/or construct City parks, including playgrounds, an accessible play area, splash-pads, multi-sports courts, walking and sensory trails, picnic shelters, off-leash dog areas, sports fields and/or other park amenities; install public art; acquire and improve new park land; issue up to \$38,500,000 of general obligation bonds maturing within 20 years to finance and refinance such projects; and levy annual excess property taxes to repay such bonds, as provided in Ordinance No. 918.



Next Steps

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- Council would take potential action Pro & Con committee appointments at February 8 Council meeting; applications due February 4
- Staff would execute ballot measure communication plan
- Special Election would be held on April 27



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- Staff recommends that Council Adopt Ordinance No. 918 authorizing the placement of a ballot measure on the 2021 April Special Election ballot to authorize a property tax bond measure for park improvements and park land acquisition.

