RESOLUTION NO. 2016-09R

A RESOLUTION OF IVINS CITY, UTAH, A RESOLUTION OF IVINS CITY, UTAH, SUPPORTING HOUSE BILL 362 (2015) REGARDING AN AUTHORIZED 0.25% LOCAL OPTION GENERAL SALES TAX DEDICATED TO TRANSPORTATION AND ENCOURAGING WASHINGTON COUNTY TO SUBMIT THE PROPOSAL TO VOTERS IN NOVEMBER 2016, AND ENCOURAGING VOTERS TO SUPPORT THE PROPOSAL

WHEREAS, a safe and efficient transportation system creates the foundation for economic growth, improved air quality and public health, and enhanced quality of life; and

WHEREAS, the creation and maintenance of transportation infrastructure is a core responsibility of local government; and

WHEREAS, Utah's population is expected to grow by 2 million residents by 2040; and

WHEREAS, Ivins residents demand new comprehensive transportation options such as bike lanes, multi-use paths, off-road trails, and transit in addition to traditional roads; and

WHEREAS, due to our drastic shortfall in transportation revenue, Ivins City is using $380,162.00 from the general fund to supplement the Class B&C Fund revenue in order to try to meet our local transportation needs in the current fiscal year 2016; and

WHEREAS, research from the Utah Department of Transportation indicates that road rehabilitation costs six times as much as road maintenance, and road reconstruction costs ten times as much as road maintenance, and

WHEREAS, investing in transportation results in economic development for Ivins City and Washington County and accessible good-paying jobs for our residents; and

WHEREAS, improving comprehensive transportation in Ivins City and Washington county will reduce private vehicle usage which will in turn lead to improved air quality; and

WHEREAS, poor air quality discourages economic development, business recruitment and tourism visits, and contributes to asthma and other health ailments; and

WHEREAS, nearly 1 in 10 Utah adults suffer from asthma and struggle to breathe during poor air quality days; and

WHEREAS, nearly 57% of Utah adults are overweight, nearly 200,000 Utahns' have diabetes, and diabetes and obesity related health care costs in Utah exceed $700 million; and

WHEREAS, investing in safe and connected trails, bike lanes, sidewalks, and multi-use paths will encourage our residents to be more active, enable them to spend more time with their families via active transportation, and result in improved personal and community health; and

WHEREAS, Utah has created a Unified Transportation Plan to address these comprehensive transportation and quality of life issues; and

WHEREAS, the Utah State Legislature recognized the local transportation needs and enacted HB 362 which authorized counties to impose and voters to approve a 0.25% local option general sales tax dedicated to local transportation; and

WHEREAS, Ivins City will, upon county imposition and voter approval, receive 0.10 of the 0.25% sales tax to invest in critical local transportation needs.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE IVINS CITY COUNCIL TO:

SECTION 1. Support the 0.25% Local Option General Sales Tax. The City Council supports the proposed 0.25% Local Option General Sales Tax that the Washington County governing body may submit to voters in Washington County in November, 2016.

SECTION 2. Encourage Submission of Proposal to the Voters of Washington County. The City Council urges the county governing body to submit the 0.25% local option general sales tax dedicated to transportation to the voters of the county for the November 2016 election. The City Council also publicly supports the county governing body in submitting the 0.25% local option general sales tax dedicated to transportation to the electorate of the county.

SECTION 3. Encourage Voters to Enact the 0.25% Local Option General Sales Tax. The City Council encourages voters to carefully consider the potential impact from the 0.25% general sales tax local option and to support the enactment of the 0.25% local option general sales tax because of the potential impact explained below.

SECTION 4. Road and Street Needs in Ivins City. The City has significant traditional transportation needs that the municipal 0.10 portion could address. For example, the city has a backlog of road maintenance projects such as chip sealing, slurry seal and reconstruction of aged roadways. Adoption of the municipal 0.10 would enable the city to invest in the critical projects that our residents expect.

SECTION 5. Active and Alternative Transportation Infrastructure Needs in Ivins City. The City has significant active and alternative transportation needs that the municipal 0.10 portion could address. For example, our residents are seeking improved sidewalks and pedestrian safety modes, enhanced bike lanes, better connectivity with transit, more traffic calming devices, and other modern transportation infrastructure. Investment in active transportation options will encourage residents to travel via walking, biking, and transit, result in a healthier population, reduced emissions, decreased health care costs, and improved quality of life. Adoption of the municipal 0.10 would enable the city to invest in the critical projects that our residents expect.

SECTION 6. Investment in Transit. The City supports continued investment in public transit because transit can help relieve traffic, promote walkable communities, and improve air quality. The transit system will receive 0.10 of the county imposed and voter approved 0.25% local option general sales tax. The City expects the transit system to utilize the revenues collected within the City for projects that will expand local bus service, foster local and regional connectivity, and benefit the residents of the City.

SECTION 7. Distribution of this Resolution. A copy of this resolution shall be sent to the Washington County governing body, the Utah League of Cities & Towns, the Utah Association of Counties, the Speaker of the Utah House of Representatives, the President of the Utah State Senate, State Representatives and Senators who represent the City, and the Governor of Utah.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF IVINS CITY, STATE OF UTAH, AS FOLLOWS:

Effective Date: This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon adoption by the City Council.

PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE IVINS CITY COUNCIL, STATE OF UTAH, ON THIS ____ DAY OF _____, 2016 BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Dennis Mehr	_____	_____	_____	_____
Cheyne McDonald	_____	_____	_____	_____
Jenny Johnson	_____	_____	_____	_____
Steven Roberts	_____	_____	_____	_____
Ron Densley	_____	_____	_____	_____

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Chris Hart, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Kari Jimenez
City Recorder