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The planning calendar previously included discussion in a work session on potential ballot language for questions relating to construction of city facilities as discussed during the budget retreat earlier this year and during budget development. At the November 15 Board meeting, Mayor Boley suggested a potential of moving that election to November 2023. On Tuesday, staff will be confirming this change with the Board.

As you are aware, Amendment 3, which was approved by Missouri voters in November, authorizes cities to take a ballot question to voters to impose a 3% sales tax on retail sales of adult-use marijuana. The first opportunity for cities to take this question to the voters is the April 2023 election. Certification of ballot questions for this election must be approved by Ordinance by January 24, 2023.

Staff has received information from a number of surrounding communities indicating their discussions of intent to place this question on the April ballot. The Missouri Municipal League has developed a sample ordinance on this issue and staff has had discussions with our attorneys, so we believe an ordinance could be created very quickly.

Staff recommends that we explore the option of placing a ballot issue for voter approval in order to have this revenue potential available as soon as possible.

At this time, it is our understanding that Mayor Boley will suggest canceling the January 3 Board of Aldermen meeting (there currently is only one pending item on the agenda). This would leave only one other meeting in January to discuss a ballot initiative. Staff would like direction from the Board regarding whether to bring a ballot ordinance to the Board for action in January and in what manner.