“Library Renovation/Expansion Vote on November Ballot”

On Monday, August 18, the Norfolk City Council approved a resolution to put on the November 4 general election ballot whether to authorize the collection of an additional one half of one percent sales and use tax for 36 months. All the revenues generated would be used for the Norfolk Public Library renovation and expansion and for library equipment.

In July the Norfolk Library Foundation funded a survey of Norfolk citizens that would gauge their interest in such a tax. A majority of citizens indicated that they were willing to have the ½ cent sales tax added to pay for a $7.4 million expansion and renovation of the library.

After the meeting library director Jessica Chamberlain said she was pleased that the issue would be placed on the ballot.

"As we look to the future of library services in Norfolk, and the important role the library plays in our community, there is not only a need for this renovation and expansion, but voter support for it as well. We're excited to see that this issue will be placed before the citizens at the November election," Chamberlain said.