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## City Council supports campaign finance reform

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STURGEON BAY - The City Council unanimously approved a resolution Tuesday supporting a constitutional amendment to allow limits on campaign contributions.

Elections have been taken over by large money donors and campaign finance reform is needed, said Dan Powers of Sturgeon Bay at the start of the City Council meeting during the public comment period. Powers said he represents about 70 local residents who are seeking a statewide non-binding referendum to allow limits on campaign contributions.

The group is among the grassroots organizations seeking to amend the U.S. Constitution following the U.S. Supreme Court Citizens United decision that opened the way for corporations, unions and other donors to influence elections through campaign contributions, Powers said.

About 95 other Wisconsin municipalities have passed similar resolutions that will be sent to local legislators to officially ask for a statewide referendum, Powers said.

In other action the council also unanimously approved a preliminary resolution to levy a special assessment for sidewalks on South 16th Place and South 18th Avenue. A public hearing will be held at the April 4 City Council meeting for resident feedback about the assessment.

The council also voted unanimously to charge \$60 per game to prepare the local ball fields for Legion teams.