

AN ORDINANCE

ORDERING A GENERAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON NOVEMBER 4, 2014, IN THE CITY OF CORPUS CHRISTI FOR THE ELECTION OF MAYOR AND EIGHT COUNCIL MEMBERS; PROVIDING FOR PROCEDURES FOR HOLDING SUCH ELECTION; PROVIDING FOR NOTICE OF ELECTION AND PUBLICATION THEREOF; PROVIDING FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF BRANCH EARLY POLLING PLACES; DESIGNATING POLLING PLACE LOCATIONS; AUTHORIZING A JOINT ELECTION WITH NUECES COUNTY, AND A RUNOFF ELECTION, IF ONE IS NECESSARY; AND ENACTING PROVISIONS INCIDENT AND RELATING TO THE SUBJECT AND PURPOSE OF THIS ORDINANCE.

WHEREAS, the City Charter provides for the holding of a regular City election for Mayor and Council Members in the City of Corpus Christi, on the November Uniform Election Date in even-numbered years as authorized by State law, the same being November 4, 2014; with a runoff election, if one is necessary; and

WHEREAS, it is provided in Section 3.004 of the Texas Election Code that municipal authorities shall order elections pertaining to municipal affairs, and other provisions of the Election Code provide for notice, appointment of officers to hold the election, and other matters related to the holding of the election; and

WHEREAS, Nueces County will also be conducting a General Election on November 4, 2014.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CORPUS CHRISTI, TEXAS, THAT:

SECTION 1. A regular City election (hereinafter “the Election”) for a Mayor and eight Council Members shall be held in the City of Corpus Christi, Texas on Tuesday, November 4, 2014;

SECTION 2. At the Election all qualified voters of the City of Corpus Christi shall be permitted to vote.

SECTION 3. The names of candidates for the office of Mayor and the names of candidates for the office of the City Council members shall be placed on said ballot in the manner and form prescribed by law.

SECTION 4. The eSlate direct recording equipment (DRE) shall be employed at the election in accordance with the Texas Election Code and the Election shall be held at the polling places in the regularly prescribed precincts of the City of Corpus Christi, as set forth on Attachment A hereto incorporated by reference and made part of this ordinance. The Election shall be held in accordance with the Election Laws of the State of Texas. The polls shall be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. on the date of the Election.

SECTION 5. The City Secretary shall conduct the Election as directed by ordinance of the City Council and by law in accordance with the Joint Election Agreement to be entered into with Nueces County. The City Secretary is directed to provide such demographic data and information as required by law.

SECTION 6. The eSlate direct recording equipment shall be used for the conduct of the Election on Election Day and for early voting. Early voting in person at each of the temporary branch polling places shall be conducted on October 20, 2014 through October 31, 2014. Such early voting in person may be conducted at the main early voting polling place located at Nueces County Courthouse, 901 Leopard, or at the temporary branch polling places as set forth in Attachment B, incorporated by reference and made a part of this ordinance.

In addition, early voting in person may be conducted at the mobile temporary branch polling places set forth in Attachment C, and then incorporated by reference and made a part of this ordinance, during the days and hours specified therein. The City Secretary is authorized, in the event of an emergency, preventing any of the designated polling places from being utilized, to provide for suitable replacement locations.

Each branch polling place and the main early polling place shall serve all election precincts.

SECTION 7. The City Secretary is directed to post and publish such election notices as are required by the Election Laws of the State of Texas. The City Secretary is further appointed as the authority and officer responsible for the conduct of said election and is hereby authorized and directed to make all necessary arrangements for the holding of said election in accordance with and subject to the laws of this State, including, but not limited to coordinating the election process, in accordance with the Joint Election Agreement to be executed with Nueces County. The City Secretary is authorized to approve all lawful changes and additions to the procedures provide herein in order to implement such agreement, including, but not limited to, provisions for substations, mobile voting sites and election day polling sites.

SECTION 8. By approving and signing this ordinance, the Mayor officially confirms as her action all matters recited in this ordinance which by law come within her jurisdiction.

SECTION 9. If for any reason any section, paragraph, subdivision, clause, phrase, word, or provision of this ordinance shall be held invalid or unconstitutional by final judgment of a court of competent jurisdiction, it shall not affect any other section, paragraph, subdivision, clause, phrase, word, or provision of this ordinance, for it is the definite intent of this City Council that every section, paragraph, subdivision, clause, phrase, word or provision hereof be given full force and effect for its purpose.

SECTION 10. This ordinance shall take effect and be in full force and effect from and after its passage.

That the foregoing ordinance was read for the first time and passed to its second reading on this the 29th day of July, 2014, by the following vote:

Nelda Martinez	_____	Chad Magill	_____
Kelley Allen	_____	Colleen McIntyre	_____
Rudy Garza	_____	Lillian Riojas	_____
Priscilla Leal	_____	Mark Scott	_____
David Loeb	_____		

That the foregoing ordinance was read for the second time and passed finally on this the 12th day of August, 2014, by the following vote:

Nelda Martinez	_____	Chad Magill	_____
Kelley Allen	_____	Colleen McIntyre	_____
Rudy Garza	_____	Lillian Riojas	_____
Priscilla Leal	_____	Mark Scott	_____
David Loeb	_____		

PASSED AND APPROVED, this the 12th day of August, 2014.

ATTEST:

Rebecca Huerta
City Secretary

Nelda Martinez
Mayor

APPROVED THIS 12TH DAY OF AUGUST, 2014

By: Julian Grant

Barney L. Knight, Interim City Attorney

ATTACHMENT A

[To be inserted-polling places in the regularly prescribed precincts of the City of Corpus Christi]

ATTACHMENT B

[To be inserted - temporary branch polling places as set forth in Attachment B]

ATTACHMENT C

[To be inserted--the mobile temporary branch polling places, during the days and hours specified therein.]