

AGENDA MEMORANDUM

Resolution for the City Council Meeting of December 16, 2014

DATE: December 16, 2014

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Resolution Authorizing an Election Services Contract for the City Council Runoff Election

CAPTION:

Resolution authorizing City of Corpus Christi election services contract with Nueces County for runoff election.

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this resolution is to approve the requisite contract wherein the City contracts with Nueces County for election services for the purpose of conducting the required runoff election for City Council Districts One and Two.

BACKGROUND AND FINDINGS:

A general election was held on November 4, 2014 to elect a mayor and eight Council members. Since no City Council candidate from Districts One or Two received a majority of votes, the City's Charter requires a runoff election to determine the winner.

On November 18, 2014, via Ordinance No. 030329, the City Council ordered a December 16th Runoff Election for City Council Districts One and Two.

ALTERNATIVES:

None.

OTHER CONSIDERATIONS:

On August 12, 2014, the City Council approved a Joint Election Agreement between the City and Nueces County solely for the purpose of jointly holding a general and special election on the uniform election date of November 4, 2014. The purpose of the resolution recommended herein is to contract with Nueces County for the election services necessary to conduct the required December 16, 2014 runoff election.

CONFORMITY TO CITY POLICY:

This item conforms to the Texas Election Code and the City's Charter.

EMERGENCY / NON-EMERGENCY:

None.

DEPARTMENTAL CLEARANCES:

Legal Department

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

☑Operating □ Revenue □ Capital □ Not applicable

Fiscal Year: 2014-2015	Project to Date Expenditures (CIP only)	Current Year	Future Years	TOTALS
Line Item Budget				
Encumbered /				
Expended Amount				
This item		\$176,712		
BALANCE				

Fund(s): General Fund

Comments:

\$246,553.74 Per Nueces County, the combined cost estimate for the general and special elections is \$246,553.74. This cost estimate reflects cost-sharing efficiencies realized due to the participation of numerous governmental entities, located in Nueces County, during the November 4, 2014 uniform election date.

\$300,157.99 However, as the City is the only governmental entity requiring a runoff election, the \$300,157.99 runoff election cost estimate recently provided by Nueces County must be borne wholly by the City.

\$546,711.73 Total anticipated election costs of \$546,711.73 (general/special and runoff elections).

(\$370,000.00) Staff originally budgeted \$370,000 for both the general/special election and the runoff election.

\$176,711.73 As the City is the only entity requiring a runoff election, thus not allowing for the efficiencies created by cost-sharing with other entities, an additional \$176,711.73 is required to fund total anticipated election costs of \$546,711.73 (general/special and runoff elections).

Funds are available in the General Fund for this purpose.

RECOMMENDATION:

Approval of the resolution.

LIST OF SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:

Resolution

Election Services Contract