



AGENDA MEMORANDUM

Emergency Item for the City Council Meeting of October 8, 2013

DATE: October 3, 2013
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Appropriating \$169,182.36 from the General Fund Unreserved Fund Balance to hold Special Election on November 5, 2013

CAPTION:

Ordinance appropriating \$169,182.36 from the Unreserved Fund Balance in the No. 1020 General Fund for additional costs relating to Proposition 1 regarding Destination Bayfront of the November 5, 2013 special election; and changing the FY 2013-2014 Operating Budget adopted by Ordinance No.029915 to increase appropriations by \$169,182.36; and declaring an emergency.

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this ordinance is to appropriate sufficient funding to cover the costs of the November 5, 2013 election.

BACKGROUND AND FINDINGS:

On July 30, 2013, the City Council passed a resolution directing staff to prepare an ordinance calling for an election, with the approved proposition and ballot language, to consider whether the City should issue general obligation bonds in the aggregate amount of \$44,600,000 for the Destination Bayfront project. On August 20, 2013, the City Council approved the ordinance ordering a Special Election to be held on November 5, 2013 to consider Proposition 1 for Destination Bayfront (see attachment). In part, the ordinance also authorized a joint election agreement with Nueces County to conduct the election. The estimated cost of the election appropriated in the FY 2013-14 budget was \$200,000, based on the cost of past elections and a verbal estimate from Nueces County in the spring 2013. The City Secretary's Office recently received the joint election agreement, and the cost estimate has increased to \$369,182.36. Attached is a letter from County Clerk Diana Barrera explaining how the estimate was calculated. An additional \$169,182.36 needs to be appropriated to cover the cost of the election.

ALTERNATIVES:

NONE

OTHER CONSIDERATIONS:

Not applicable

CONFORMITY TO CITY POLICY:

City Council must approve any changes in budget appropriations.

EMERGENCY / NON-EMERGENCY:

Staff is requesting an emergency reading. According to Article II, Section 14 of the City Charter, an item can be classified as an emergency because it calls for “immediate action necessary for the efficient and effective administration of the city’s affairs”. The item must be considered in one reading because early voting is scheduled to begin on October 21, 2013.

DEPARTMENTAL CLEARANCES:

Legal, Finance

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

Operating Revenue Capital Not applicable

Fiscal Year: 2013-2014	Project to Date Expenditures (CIP only)	Current Year	Future Years	TOTALS
Line Item Budget		\$200,000.00	0	\$200,000.00
Encumbered / Expended Amount				
This item		\$169,182.36		\$169,182.36
BALANCE		\$369,182.36	0	\$369,182.36

Fund(s): General Fund

Comments:

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends approval of the Ordinance as presented.

LIST OF SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:

Ordinance – (This item)
Ordinance # 029925, dated August 20.2013, Ordering a Special Election
Letter from County Clerk
Joint Election Agreement
Cost Estimate