



AGENDA MEMORANDUM

First Reading Ordinance for the City Council Meeting of July 29, 2014
Second Reading Ordinance for the City Council Meeting of August 12, 2014

DATE: July 14, 2014
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Ordering a General Election – November 4, 2014

CAPTION:

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.

PURPOSE:

This item will allow for a general election to be held on November 4, 2014 to elect mayor and eight council members; and allow the City to enter into a joint election with Nueces County.

BACKGROUND AND FINDINGS:

Per the City Charter, the regular election of the mayor and eight council members shall be held on the November uniform election date of even-numbered years as authorized by State law. As in the past, the City can conduct a joint election with Nueces County if approved by Council.

ALTERNATIVES:

None.

OTHER CONSIDERATIONS:

The City Council will also consider an ordinance calling for a special election on November 4, 2014 to consider the questions of two (2) Bond Propositions for street and street-related improvements and one (1) Proposition for the sale of city park land. Council will consider that ordinance in a separate agenda item.

CONFORMITY TO CITY POLICY:

This ordinance complies with the requirements of the Texas Government Code, the Texas

Election Code, and the City Charter.

EMERGENCY / NON-EMERGENCY:

Non-emergency.

DEPARTMENTAL CLEARANCES:

Legal
Finance Department
Budget Department

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				
Encumbered / Expended Amount				
This item		\$370,000		
BALANCE				

Fund(s):

Comments: Per Nueces County, the combined cost estimate for the general and special election is \$246,553.74 (see attachment). If a run-off election is necessary, additional costs would be incurred. Staff has budgeted a conservative amount of \$370,000 to cover the costs of the general / special election and possible run-off election.

RECOMMENDATION:

Approval of the ordinance.

LIST OF SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:

Ordinance
Joint Election Agreement
Election Services Contract
Election Cost Estimate