



AGENDA MEMORANDUM

Action Item for the City Council Meeting November 9, 2021

DATE: November 3, 2021
TO: Mayor & City Council
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Resolution Approving Termination of Inactive Campaign Treasurer Appointments

CAPTION:

Resolution approving termination of the campaign treasurer appointments for inactive candidates and specific-purpose political committees in accordance with Section 2-7 of the City's Code of Ordinances.

SUMMARY:

The proposed Resolution allows the City Council to act on the procedure by which the campaign treasurer appointments of inactive candidates and specific-purpose political committees may be terminated and records destroyed.

BACKGROUND AND FINDINGS:

Candidates for mayor and city council and specific-purpose political committees are required to file campaign treasurer appointments with the City Secretary (Sections 252.005(3) and 252.006, 252.007(3), Texas Election Code, respectively). Pursuant to Section 252.011(b), Texas Election Code, a campaign treasurer appointment continues in effect until terminated. To terminate a campaign treasurer appointment, a candidate must file a final report; a specific-purpose political committee must notify the filing authority, in writing, of the termination or file a dissolution report.

Currently, the City Secretary's Office has on file numerous campaign treasurer appointments for inactive candidates and specific-purpose political committees for which neither a final report nor a written termination or dissolution report have been filed, respectively.

The Texas Election Code sets out a process by which such campaign treasurer appointments may be terminated, which requires a vote of the City Council in a regularly scheduled city council meeting. Ordinance 032518, approved and adopted by City Council on August 17, 2021, allows for the termination and destruction of the inactive candidates' and specific-purpose political committees' campaign treasurer reports, as outlined in the Texas Election Code.

The City Secretary's Office sent written notice to the affected candidates and specific-purpose political committees 14 calendar days before the date of the City Council meeting, which included the date, time, and place of the meeting; a statement of the City Council's intention to consider termination of the campaign treasurer appointment; referencing the particular sections of the

statutes and the Ordinance that gives the City Council the authority to consider the termination; and the effect of termination of the campaign treasurer appointment. Additionally, the City Secretary will promptly notify the affected candidate or specific-purpose political committee that the appointment has been terminated and will be effective December 9, 2021.

ALTERNATIVES:

Should the City Council decide to not approve the Resolution, the campaign treasurer appointments for inactive candidates and specific-purpose political committees will remain on file in the City Secretary's Office.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

None

Funding Detail: N/A

Fund: 1020

Organization/Activity: 10020

Mission Element: 714

Project # (CIP Only):

Account:

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve the Resolution

LIST OF SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:

Resolution

Exhibit A - List of campaign treasurer appointment terminations for candidates and specific purpose political committees.