



AGENDA MEMORANDUM

Action Item for the City Council Meeting of August 14, 2012

DATE: August 2, 2012
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Ordering a General Election

CAPTION:

Ordinance ordering a general election to be held on November 6, 2012, in the City of Corpus Christi for the election of Mayor and eight Council Members, and on the questions of authorizing bond issuances of the City supported by ad valorem taxes; 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; enacting provisions incident and relating to the subject and purpose of this ordinance; and declaring an emergency.

PURPOSE:

This item will allow for an election to be held on November 6, 2012 for the election of a Mayor and eight (8) Council Members; and the question of eight (8) Bond Propositions. Following are the eight propositions: (Actual ballot wording is listed in the ordinance)

Proposition 1, Streets	\$ 55,000,000
Proposition 2, City Hall Improvements	\$ 1,750,000
Proposition 3, Service Center Complex Improvements	\$ 4,750,000
Proposition 4, Parks & Recreation	\$ 16,000,000
Proposition 5, Museum & Library Improvements	\$ 2,340,000
Proposition 6, Public Health Improvements	\$ 820,000
Proposition 7, Public Safety Improvements	\$ 700,000
Proposition 8, Economic Development Projects	\$ 8,400,000

BACKGROUND AND FINDINGS:

On January 20, 2011, the United States Department of Justice precleared moving City Council elections to the November uniform election date on even numbered years. On Tuesday, July 24, 2012 the City Council passed a Resolution directing staff to prepare an election ordinance with the approved propositions and ballot language.

ALTERNATIVES:

Not Applicable

OTHER CONSIDERATIONS:

Not Applicable

CONFORMITY TO CITY POLICY:

The City Charter requires that an election be held in November 2012 for the election of officers.

EMERGENCY / NON-EMERGENCY:

Staff is requesting an emergency reading. In order to meet the deadline as prescribed by State law for calling the General Election on November 6, 2012, this ordinance must be approved as an emergency reading on August 14, 2012. 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.

DEPARTMENTAL CLEARANCES:

Planning & Environmental Services Department
Engineering Services Department
Legal Department
Finance Department
Management and Budget Department
City Secretary's Office

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

- Operating Revenue Capital Not applicable

Fiscal Year: 2012-2013	Project to Date Expenditures (CIP only)	Current Year	Future Years	TOTALS
Line Item Budget		320,000		
Encumbered / Expended Amount		0		
This item		0		
BALANCE		320,000		

Fund(s):

RECOMMENDATION:

Approval of the Ordinance.

LIST OF SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:

Ordinance