



AGENDA MEMORANDUM

First Reading Ordinance - February 21, 2017 City Council Meeting
Second Reading Ordinance – February 28, 2017 City Council Meeting

DATE: February 16, 2017
TO: Mayor and Council
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Ordinance calling for May 6, 2017 Special Election

CAPTION:

Ordinance ordering a special election to be held on May 6, 2017 in the City of Corpus Christi for the election of Mayor to fill remainder of the unexpired term; authorizing a runoff election, if one is necessary, on June 24, 2017; providing for procedures for holding such election; identifying election officials; authorizing an election services agreement with Nueces County; and enacting provisions incident and relating to the subject and purpose of this ordinance.

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this item is to call a special election on May 6, 2017 to fill a vacancy in the office of mayor; authorize a runoff election, if necessary, on June 24, 2017; and authorize a joint election agreement with Nueces County.

BACKGROUND AND FINDINGS:

Mayor Dan McQueen resigned from office on January 18, 2017; his resignation was accepted by the City Council on January 24, 2017. Article II Section 12 (a) of the City Charter provides that the remaining City Council members shall call a special election to fill a vacancy in the office of Mayor in the event more than one year remains in the unexpired term of the Mayor. The next available uniform election date for the special election is Saturday, May 6, 2017. Nueces County will provide election services per the attached agreement.

ALTERNATIVES:

None.

CONFORMITY TO CITY POLICY:

Conforms with Election Code and City Charter.

EMERGENCY / NON-EMERGENCY:

Requires two readings.

DEPARTMENTAL CLEARANCES:

Legal
Finance
Budget

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

Operating Revenue Capital Not applicable

Fiscal Year: 2016-2017	Current Year	Future Years	TOTALS
Line Item Budget	\$350,000		
Encumbered / Expended Amount	\$154,893		
This item	\$440,000		
BALANCE	\$244,893		

Fund(s): General Fund

Comments: In FY 2016-17 Budget, \$350,000 was budgeted for the November 2016 election (\$150,000) and runoff election (\$200,000). Nueces County submitted an invoice for the actual cost of the November 2016 election in the amount of \$154,893.

Based on the most recent cost estimate received from Nueces County (\$130,000) and city estimate for labor costs (\$90,000), staff has budgeted a conservative amount of \$440,000 (\$220,000 for the special election and \$220,000 for runoff election, if necessary).

LIST OF SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:

Ordinance
Joint Election Agreement & cost estimate
PowerPoint