

One-reading Ordinance ordering a runoff election to be held on December 15, 2020 in the City of Corpus Christi for the election of Mayor and Council Member Districts One and Four, designating polling place locations, enacting provisions incident and relating to the subject and purpose of this ordinance.

WHEREAS, Ordinance 032176 ordered a General Election to be held on November 3, 2020 for the election of Mayor and Eight Council Members;

WHEREAS, Ordinance 032176 enacted provisions incident to and relating to said General Election;

WHEREAS, the official canvass of said election reveals that none of the candidates for the offices of Mayor and Council Member District One and Four received the number of votes required for election; and

WHEREAS, the runoff election has been scheduled for December 15, 2020;

WHEREAS, the City has entered into a contract for Election Services with the Nueces County Clerk pursuant to Contract No. 2020-299 filed of record with the Office of the City Secretary;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CORPUS CHRISTI, TEXAS, THAT:

SECTION 1. A runoff election for the office(s) of Mayor and Council Member Districts One and Four shall be held December 15, 2020, with the names of the following candidates for the respective office as follows:

Mayor	Joe McComb Paulette Guajardo
Council Member District One	Rachel Ann Caballero Billy Lerma
Council Member District Four	Kaylynn Paxson Greg Smith

SECTION 2. That at said election herein ordered, all qualified voters of the City of Corpus Christi eligible to vote in the runoff election shall be permitted to vote as provided by law.

SECTION 3. The names of candidates for said offices shall be placed on said ballot in the manner and form prescribed by law.

SECTION 4. The eSlate direct recording equipment shall be used at the election in accordance with

Texas Election Code.

SECTION 5. The election shall be held at the polling places in the regularly prescribed precincts of the City of Corpus Christi, as set forth on Attachment A hereto incorporated by reference and made part of this ordinance. The election shall be held in accordance with the election laws of the State of Texas and in accordance with ordinance of the City Council. Nueces County participates in the Countywide Polling Place Program under Election Code Section 43.007 as amended, meaning that any qualified registered voter of the City of Corpus Christi can vote in the election at any polling place identified in Attachment A. The polls shall be open from 7:00 am to 7:00 p.m. on the day of the election.

SECTION 6. The City Secretary shall conduct the election as directed by Ordinance of the City Council and by law.

SECTION 7. Early voting for the election in person may be conducted at the times and locations of the temporary branch polling places set forth on Attachment B to this Ordinance hereto incorporated by reference and made part of this ordinance. The City Secretary is authorized, in the event of an emergency, preventing any of the designated polling places from being utilized, to provide for suitable replacement locations.

SECTION 8. The City Secretary is directed to post and publish such election notices as are required by the Election Laws of the State of Texas. The City Secretary is further appointed as the authority and officer responsible for the conduct of said election and is hereby authorized and directed to make all necessary arrangements for the holding of said election in accordance with and subject to the laws of this State including but not limited to coordinating the election process, tabulation equipment, and supplies in accordance with the election agreement to be executed with Nueces County. The City Secretary is authorized to approve all lawful changes and additions to the procedures provided herein in order to implement such agreement, including, but not limited to provisions for substations.

SECTION 8. By approving and signing this ordinance, the Mayor officially confirms as his action all matters recited in this ordinance which by law come within jurisdiction.

SECTION 9. If for any reason any section, paragraph, subdivision, clause, phrase, word, or provision of this ordinance shall be held invalid or unconstitutional by final judgment of a court of competent jurisdiction, it shall not affect any other section, paragraph, subdivision, clause, phrase, word, or provision of this ordinance, for it is the definite intent of this City Council that every section, paragraph, subdivision, clause, phrase, word, or provision hereof be given full force and effect for its purpose.

SECTION 10. The fact that it is necessary and essential that the governing body of the City of Corpus Christi order the runoff election, that the notice of such election should be promptly posted and published, that the City runoff election shall be held on December 15, 2020, and immediate action is necessary for the efficient and effective administration of the city's affairs,

creates a public emergency and an imperative public necessity requiring the suspension of the Charter rule that no ordinance shall be passed finally on the date of its introduction but that such ordinances shall be read on emergency reading. The City Council hereby (1) finds that such emergency and necessity do exist due to the need for immediate action necessary for the efficient and effective administration of the City's runoff election and (2) suspends the Charter rule that requires consideration of and voting upon ordinances at two regular meetings so that this ordinance is passed and takes effect upon first reading as an emergency measure on this ---- day of November, 2020

IT IS ACCORDINGLY SO ORDAINED, this the -- day of November, 2020.

ATTEST:

CITY OF CORPUS CHRISTI

Rebecca Huerta
City Secretary

Joe McComb
Mayor

----Day of November, 2020

TO THE MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL
Corpus Christi, Texas

For the reasons set forth in the emergency clause of the foregoing ordinance an emergency exists requiring suspension of the Charter rule as to consideration and voting upon ordinances at two regular meetings: I/we, therefore, request that you suspend said Charter rule and pass this ordinance finally on the date it is introduced, or at the present meeting of the City Council.

Respectfully,

Respectfully,

Mayor

Council Members

The above ordinance was passed by the following vote:

Mayor Joe McComb	_____
Roland Barrera	_____
Paulette M. Guajardo	_____
Gil Hernandez	_____
Michael Hunter	_____
Ben Molina	_____
Everett Roy	_____
Greg Smith	_____

ATTACHMENT A

Election Day Polling Places

Magee Elementary – 4201 Calallen Dr.
Hilltop Community Center – 11425 Leopard St.
Zavala Senior Center – 510 Osage St.
La Retama Central Library – 805 Comanche St.
Oveal Williams Senior Center – 1414 Martin Luther King Dr.
Lindale Senior Center – 3135 Swantner Dr.
Ben F. McDonald Library – 4044 Greenwood Dr.
Hamlin Middle School – 3900 Hamlin Dr.
Deaf & Hard of Hearing Center – 5151 McArdle Rd.
John F. Kennedy Elementary – 1102 Villarreal Dr.
Fannin Elementary School – 2730 Gollihar Rd.
The Valencia – 6110 Ayers St.
Schanen Elementary – 5717 Killarmet Dr.
Parkway Presbyterian Church – 3707 Santa Fe St.
Montclair Elementary – 5241 Kentner St.
Ethel Eyerly Senior Center – 654 Graham Rd.
Padre Island Baptist Church – 14253 SPID
C. C. Christian Fellowship – 6602 S. Staples St.
Veterans Memorial High School – 3750 Cimarron Blvd.
Mireles Elementary – 7658 Cimarron Blvd.
Smith Elementary – 6902 Williams Dr.

ATTACHMENT B

EARLY VOTING

Early voting begins Saturday, December 5, 2020 and ends Friday, December 11, 2020

Early Voting Clerk: Nueces County Clerk Kara Sands

Early Voting Clerk's mailing address:

Kara Sands, Nueces County Clerk

ATTN: Elections Division

P.O. Box 2627

Corpus Christi, TX 78403

Main Early Voting Location

Nueces County Courthouse

1st Floor Atrium

901 Leopard Street

Corpus Christi, TX 78401

Dates:

Saturday, December 5 – Sunday, December 6, 2020

Monday, December 7 – Friday, December 11, 2020

Times

12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Branch Polling Locations

Monday, December 7 – Friday, December 11, 2020

7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Hilltop Community Center – 11425 Leopard St.

Oveal Williams Senior Center – 1414 Martin Luther King Dr.

Ben F. McDonald Library – 4044 Greenwood Dr.

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