

Meeting Date: 5/15/2018 Staff Contact: Janice England

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SUBJECT: Consideration and Action regarding Resolution No. 2018-15, Calling a Runoff Election for Councilmember Place 4

BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION:

Resolution No. 2018-15 calls the runoff election for the unexpired term of office of Councilmember Place 4. The election will be held on Saturday, June 16th at the Senior Citizen Center. Early voting will be held June 4th through June 12th at the Eagle Mountain-Saginaw ISD Administration Building 6 – Training Room.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

N/A

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends approval of Resolution No. 2018-15, calling a runoff election for Councilmember Place 4.

Attachments

Resolution

RESOLUTION NO. 2018-15

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF SAGINAW, TEXAS, CALLING FOR A RUN-OFF ELECTION TO BE HELD ON JUNE 16, 2018, FOR THE OFFICE OF COUNCILMEMBER PLACE 4; ESTABLISHING PROCEDURES FOR CONDUCT OF THE ELECTION.

- **WHEREAS**, a special election was held on Saturday, May 5, 2018 to elect an officer to fill the unexpired term for Councilmember Place 4; and
- **WHEREAS**, the City Charter requires that a candidate must receive the majority of all votes cast in order to be elected to such office; and
- **WHEREAS**, no candidate received the votes necessary to be elected for the office of Councilmember Place 4.
- **WHEREAS**, Section 2.025 of the Election Code (the "Code") requires that the run-off election be held not earlier than the twentieth or later than the forty-fifth day after the date the final canvas of the special election is completed.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAGINAW, TEXAS, THAT:

- **Section 1.** <u>RUNOFF ELECTION CALLED:</u> A run-off election shall be held in the City of Saginaw, Texas, on Saturday, June 16, 2018, at which the officer for the unexpired term of Councilmember Place 4 shall be elected.
- **Section 2.** <u>CANDIDATES:</u> The candidates for the run-off election shall be the candidates who receive the highest and second highest number of votes in the main election held on May 5, 2018, or who tied for the highest number of votes in that election in accordance with Section 2.023 of the Code. The Mayor shall certify in writing the candidates eligible for placement on the run-off election ballot and shall deliver the certification to the City Secretary.
- **Section 3.** AGREEMENT WITH TARRANT COUNTY: Prior to the election, the City anticipates that it will enter into an agreement for election services with Tarrant County. The Mayor is hereby authorized to execute an agreement with Tarrant County for the conduct of the election in accordance with Chapter 31, Subchapter D of the Texas Election Code and offer applicable statutes and laws.
- **Section 4.** <u>APPOINTMENT OF ELECTION JUDGES AND ALTERNATE ELECTION JUDGES</u>: Election judges for the runoff election shall be appointed by Tarrant County as authorized by Chapter 271, of the Texas Election Code.

Section 5. EARLY VOTING:

- (a) The Acting Tarrant County Elections Administrator is designated the Early Voting Clerk. Additional Deputy Early Voting Clerks may be appointed, as provided in the Tarrant County Joint Election Agreement.
- (b) Early Voting by personal appearance shall be conducted at the Eagle Mountain-Saginaw Independent School District Administration Building 6-Training Room, 1200 Old Decatur Road, Saginaw, Texas 76179 or at the Tarrant County Main Early Voting site located at 2700 Premier Street, Fort Worth, Texas 76111 on the following days and times:

Date	Time
June 4-8 (Monday – Friday)	8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
June 9 (Saturday)	7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.
June 10 (Sunday)	11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
June 11-12 (Monday - Tuesday)	7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Additional early voting will be conducted at locations throughout Tarrant County as established by the Tarrant County Joint Election Agreement. If there is any discrepancy between this resolution and the Agreement as to early voting locations or times, the Agreement shall control.

- (c) Applications for early voting by mail in Tarrant County may be delivered to the Early Voting Clerk, 2700 Premier Street, Fort Worth, Texas 76111, FAX: 817-831-6118, email: votebymail@tarrantcounty.com to be received not later than the date established by the Tarrant County Joint Election Agreement. Early Voting ballots for Tarrant County shall be mailed to Early Voting Clerk, P.O. Box 961011, Fort Worth, Texas, 76161-0011. The City Secretary is directed to forward the applications and ballots to the Election Administrator as provided in the Joint Election Agreement.
- (d) Early voting both by personal appearance and by mail shall be canvassed by the Early Voting Ballot Board, which is hereby created. The Presiding Election Judge and the Alternate Presiding Judge will be appointed by the Tarrant County Election Administrator as permitted by law. The presiding judge shall appoint elections clerks as may be necessary for the proper conduct of the election. The election judge, or the alternative election judge, in the absence of the election judge, and the election clerks shall constitute the early voting ballot board to process early voting results from the election. The election judge and the alternate election judge must be eligible to serve in accordance with state law, and the election clerks shall be qualified voters of the City. To the extent required by law, those persons designated by Tarrant County as election officers and clerks are hereby appointed by the City.

Section 6. METHOD OF VOTING:

Early voting in Tarrant County by personal appearance shall be conducted exclusively on Tarrant County's eSlate electronic voting system. On Election Day, voters shall have a choice between voting on the eSlate electronic voting system or by a paper ballot that is scanned at the polling place using Tarrant County's eScan voting system. All expenditures necessary for the conduct of the election, the purchase of materials therefor, and the employment of all election officials are hereby authorized, and shall be conducted in accordance with the Election Code.

Section 7. GOVERNING LAW AND QUALIFIED VOTERS:

The election shall be held in accordance with the Constitution of the State of Texas and the Code, and all resident qualified voters of the City shall be eligible to vote at the election.

Section 8. PUBLICATION AND POSTING OF NOTICE OF ELECTION:

Notice of the election shall be published in accordance with Chapter 4 of the Election Code except that a notice under Section 4.003(a)(2) or (b) of the Code must be posted not later than the 15th day before election day.

Section 9. NECESSARY ACTIONS:

The Mayor and the City Secretary of the City, in consultation with the City Attorney, are hereby authorized and directed to take any and all actions necessary to comply with the provisions of the Code in carrying out and conducting the election, whether or not expressly authorized herein.

DULY PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAGINAW, TEXAS, ON THIS THE 15th DAY OF MAY, 2018.

	APPROVED:
ATTEST:	Todd Flippo, Mayor
Janice England City Secretary	