



STAFF REPORT

DATE: January 22, 2019
TO: Ronald L. Olson, City Manager
FROM: Kathryn Davis, City Attorney
SUBJECT: Order May 4, 2019 General Election

BACKGROUND AND FINDINGS:

The Texas Election Code, Chapter 3, provides for the ordering of an election not later than the 78th day before the election date. In addition to any other elements required, each order must state the date of the election and the offices or measures to be voted on at the election.

The attached ordinance has been prepared calling the election and giving notice of an election for the purpose of electing a district council member for each district and designating the polling places and times.

THE ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED:

There are no legal alternatives. The four district council seats expire May 31, 2019.

Which alternative is recommended? Why?

Staff recommends holding a May 4, 2019 general election for the purpose of electing a district council member for each district because doing so is required by state law.

CONFORMITY TO CITY POLICY:

This ordinance conforms to Article IX of the City Charter authorizing the calling of an election to be held on a uniform election date provided for in the Texas Election Code.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

What is the amount of the expenditure in the current fiscal year? For future years?

The estimated cost to conduct this election is \$68,000. Funds are budgeted in 010-1010-416.50-45 Election Expense to cover costs associated with the election. If KISD and/or CTC has an election, it will be held jointly with the city and total costs of election equipment, personnel and supplies would then be distributed evenly amongst the participating entities.

Is this a one-time or recurring expenditure?

Annual expenditure

Is this expenditure budgeted?

Yes

If not, where will the money come from?

N/A

Is there a sufficient amount in the budgeted line-item for this expenditure?

Yes

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends City Council approve the attached ordinance calling for a May 4, 2019 general election to elect a district council member in each district.

DEPARTMENTAL CLEARANCES:

Finance
City Attorney

ATTACHED SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:

Ordinance