

City Council
Agenda Memo



City Council
Meeting Date: Feb. 12, 2015

TO: David A. Vela, Interim City Manager
FROM: Danette Dunlap, City Secretary

SUBJECT: Oral Resolution – Authorizing the City Manager to sign an Agreement between the City of Abilene, Wylie Independent School District (WISD), and the City of Impact to hold a Joint Election in Taylor County vote centers on May 9, 2015.

GENERAL INFORMATION

The Texas Election Code, Chapter 271 authorizes political subdivision of the State of Texas hold elections jointly in voting precincts if it will be of benefit to the citizens and voters thereof to be served by common polling places and elections are ordered by the authorities of two or more political subdivisions to be held on the same day in all or part of the same territory.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that Council approve by Resolution Authorizing the Interim City Manager to sign an agreement between the City of Abilene, Wylie Independent School District, and the City of Impact.

ATTACHMENTS

Agreement

<p>Prepared by:</p> <p>Name: <u>Danette Dunlap</u> Title: <u>City Secretary</u></p>	<p>Item # <u>6.1</u></p>	<p>Disposition by City Council</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Approved Ord/Res# _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Denied <input type="checkbox"/> Other</p> <p>_____ City Secretary</p>
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**AGREEMENT BY
THE CITY OF ABILENE, THE CITY OF IMPACT, AND WYLIE
INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, TO HOLD A JOINT
ELECTION IN CERTAIN VOTING PRECINCTS
ON MAY 9, 2015**

WHEREAS, the City of Abilene ("CITY") will hold a general election for two City Council positions within the boundaries of the CITY on May 9, 2015; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Impact ("IMPACT") will hold a general election for City Council positions within the boundaries of the City of Impact on May 9, 2015; and,

WHEREAS, the Wylie Independent School District ("WISD") will hold a general election on May 9, 2015, for Board of Trustees; and,

WHEREAS, Texas Election Code, Chapter 271, authorizes political subdivisions of the State of Texas to hold elections jointly in voting precincts if it will be of benefit to the citizens and voters thereof to be served by common polling places and elections are ordered by the authorities of two or more political subdivisions to be held on the same day in all or part of the same territory; and,

WHEREAS, Texas Government Code, Chapter 791, authorizes local governments to contract with one another and with agencies of the state for various governmental functions including those in which the contracting parties are mutually interested.

NOW, THEREFORE, pursuant to Chapter 31 of the Texas Election Code, Chapter 791 of the Texas Government Code and Sections 271.002 and 271.003 of the Texas Election Code, the Joint Election Agreement set forth below is entered into by and between the Entities acting by and through their respective governing bodies, agree as follows:

1. WISD, IMPACT and the CITY will share county wide vote centers during an election on May 9, 2015.
2. WISD, IMPACT, and the CITY will use a HAVA compliant voting system (DREs) in each election precinct in which a common election is held.
3. The expenses of the joint election will be divided proportional between the entities having a common election. Expenses will be determined and divided based on each precinct. Each entity will bear all expenses for equipment and supplies utilized in its election.
4. It is agreed that all entities will contract with Taylor County Elections Administrator to provide all election services needed for these elections.

DATED this the 12 day of February, 2015.

CITY OF ABILENE

BY: _____
David A. Vela, Interim City Manager

ATTEST:

Danette Dunlap, City Secretary

WYLIE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

BY: _____
School Superintendent

ATTEST: _____

DATE APPROVED: _____

CITY OF IMPACT

BY: _____
Mayor

ATTEST: _____
City Secretary

DATE APPROVED: _____