

**City Council
Agenda Memo**



**City Council
Meeting Date: Feb. 26, 2015**

TO: David A. Vela, Interim City Manager

FROM: Danette Dunlap, TRMC City Secretary

SUBJECT: Resolution Providing for the administration of a City of Abilene Bond and Council Election on May 9th 2015.

GENERAL INFORMATION

This Resolution provides for the administration of the bond and city council election to be held on May 9th 2015 to be conducted by the Taylor County Elections Administrator pursuant to the Contract with the City.

Said election shall be conducted as a joint election, including early voting pursuant to the Election Services Contract, to be administered by the Taylor County Elections Administrator pursuant to the Taylor County Election Services Contract.

The Elections Administrator shall serve as the early voting clerk in accordance with the terms of the Election Services Contract.

In accordance with the Election Services Contract, the Elections Administrator, as early voting clerk, shall receive applications for early voting ballots to be voted by mail. An early voting ballot board and signature verification committee shall be created in each County to process early voting results from the election in such County.

In accordance with the Election Services Contract, the Elections Administrator shall appoint the presiding election judges, alternate presiding judges and early voting clerks and deputy early voting clerks for the designated polling places and the presiding judge of the early voting ballot board in each County, and such other election officials as set forth in the Election Services Contract. The presiding judge of the early ballot board, with the assistance of the Elections Administrator, shall appoint two or more additional members to constitute the early voting ballot board members and signature verification committee members, as may be required to efficiently process the early voting ballots.

The election materials enumerated in Secs. 272.001, et seq., V.T.C.A. Election Code, shall be printed and furnished in both English and Spanish for use at the polling place on election day and for early voting.

In accordance with provisions of the Texas Election Code (the "Code") the Bond Election Resolution, as it may be modified in a manner that is consistent with the election notice requirements applicable to the Election, shall serve as proper notice of the election (the "Notice of Election"). The City Council hereby directs that the Notice of Election and the Bond Election Resolution be posted and published as follows, and it is specifically authorized that the Bond Election Resolution may be provided to the Election Administrators who may act on behalf of the City in posting the Bond Election Resolution in accordance with the provisions of Section 4.003(f)(1) of the Code:

RESOLUTION NO. _____

**RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE ADMINISTRATION
OF A BOND AND CITY ELECTION**

WHEREAS, by a resolution adopted by the City Council (the "City Council") of the City of Abilene, Texas (the "City") on February 26, 2015 (as such resolution may be subsequently amended or modified, the "Bond Election Resolution"), the City Council has deemed it advisable to call a bond election in the City on May 9, 2015 (the "Election"); and call the Regular (General) Council Election for Councilmember Place 1 At-Large and Councilmember Place 2 At-Large; and

WHEREAS, the City has a contract in accordance with the terms of a Contract for Election Services and a Contract for Joint Election Services (collectively, the "Election Services Contract") with City of Impact, Wylie Independent School District and Taylor County Elections Office to provide for the administration of the Election as a joint election.

WHEREAS, it is hereby officially found and determined that the meeting at which this Resolution was adopted was open to the public, and public notice of the time, place, and purpose of the meeting was given, all as required by the Texas Government Code, Chapter 551; NOW THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ABILENE, TEXAS:

1. Said election shall be conducted as a joint election, including early voting pursuant to the Election Services Contract, to be administered by the Taylor County Elections Administrator pursuant to the Taylor County Election Services Contract.

2. The Elections Administrator shall serve as the early voting clerk in accordance with the terms of the Election Services Contract.

3. In accordance with the Election Services Contract, the Elections Administrator, as early voting clerk, shall receive applications for early voting ballots to be voted by mail. An early voting ballot board and signature verification committee shall be created in each County to process early voting results from the election in such County.

4. In accordance with the Election Services Contract, the Elections Administrator shall appoint the presiding election judges, alternate presiding judges and early voting clerks and deputy early voting clerks for the designated polling places and the presiding judge of the early voting ballot board in each County, and such other election officials as set forth in the Election Services Contract. The presiding judge of the early ballot board, with the assistance of the Elections Administrator, shall appoint two or more additional members to constitute the early voting ballot board members and signature verification committee members, as may be required to efficiently process the early voting ballots.

5. The election materials enumerated in Secs. 272.001, et seq., V.T.C.A. Election Code, shall be printed and furnished in both English and Spanish for use at the polling place on election day and for early voting.

6. In accordance with provisions of the Texas Election Code (the "Code") the Bond Election Resolution, as it may be modified in a manner that is consistent with the election notice requirements applicable to the Election, shall serve as proper notice of the election (the "Notice of Election"). The City Council hereby directs that the Notice of Election and the Bond Election Resolution be posted and published as follows, and it is specifically authorized that the Bond Election Resolution may be provided

to the Election Administrators who may act on behalf of the City in posting the Bond Election Resolution in accordance with the provisions of Section 4.003(f)(1) of the Code:

- (a) The Notice of Election, in both English and Spanish, shall be published on the same day in each of two (2) successive weeks in a newspaper of general circulation in the City, the date of the first publication to be not less than fourteen (14) days nor more than thirty (30) days prior to the date of the Election
- (b) The Bond Election Resolution, in both English and Spanish, shall be posted on the bulletin board at the City Hall of the City used for posting notices of meetings of the City Council, and at three other public places in the City, not later than the 21st day prior to the date set for the election;
- (c) The Bond Election Resolution, in both English and Spanish, and the Notice of Election, in both English and Spanish, shall be prominently posted during the 21 days before the election on the City's Internet website; and
- (d) The Bond Election Resolution, in both English and Spanish, shall be posted on election day and during early voting by personal appearance, in a prominent location at each polling place.

7. In all respects the election shall be conducted in accordance with the Code and any other applicable laws. Pursuant to the Federal Help America Vote Act and the Code, each polling place shall be provided at least one voting system equipped for individuals with disabilities. Sufficient voting equipment to accommodate the voters shall be provided for early voting and at the polling places on election day.

- 8. This Resolution shall be effective immediately upon adoption.

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APPROVED AND ADOPTED this February 26, 2015.

ATTEST:

City Secretary

Mayor

APPROVED:

City Attorney

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