



CITY COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

January 24, 2012

SUBJECT: Calling General Election for the offices of City Council Members, Place Five and Place Six and Authorizing a Contract with Tarrant County to Furnish Election Services and Equipment.

SUBMITTED BY: Kim Sutter, City Secretary

REFERENCE NO: Resolution No. 12-1380

ACTION REQUESTED:

Approve Resolution No. 12-1380 calling a General Election on May 12, 2012, for the offices of City Council Members Place Five and Place Six and authorizing a contract with Tarrant County to furnish election services and equipment.

ALTERNATIVES:

SUMMARY OF SUBJECT:

Pursuant to the Election Code of the State of Texas, the first day a candidate may file an application for a place on the ballot for the May election is Saturday, February 4, 2012. Normal office hours are Monday through Friday, in essence making the first business day of filing on Monday, February 6, 2012, and the resolution calling such election should be approved prior to that date.

The City of Euless has negotiated with Tarrant County for election services and equipment since the implementation of the 2002 Help America Vote Act.

Tarrant County owns an electronic voting system, the Hart InterCivic eSlate/eScan Voting System, which has been duly approved by the Secretary of State pursuant to Texas Election Code Chapter 122 as amended, and is compliant with the accessibility requirements for persons with disabilities set forth by Texas Election Code Section 61.012.

Early voting and election day polling places and workers will remain the same as in past elections. Euless voters will be able to vote early by personal appearance at any of the early voting locations throughout Tarrant County.

In accordance with Section 2.025 (a) of Election Code of the State of Texas, the run-off election, if required, must be held no sooner than 20 days and no later than 45 days from the date of the canvass of the regular election. With the uncertainty of the primary elections and runoffs, Tarrant County has requested flexibility regarding the general election run-off date. At this time, we have been asked to consider June 16 and June 30th as possible runoff dates. As the primary election and primary runoff dates are nailed down, Tarrant County will advise of the proposed general election runoff date.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS:

Revenue Sources:

Expenditure Accounts: 101-1014-510.31-02

Budgeted Fiscal Year(s):

Estimated Expenditure: \$12,500.00

Over/Under Projection By:

Other Comments:

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:

- Resolution No. 12-1380

APPROVED BY:

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City Manager's Office

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City Secretary's Office