



CITY COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

MEETING DATE: May 20, 2014

ITEM NUMBER:

SUBJECT: RESOLUTIONS RELATING TO THE CALLING OF THE GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION ON NOVEMBER 4, 2014

DATE: MAY 9, 2014

FROM: CITY CLERK'S OFFICE

PRESENTATION BY: BRENDA GREEN, CITY CLERK

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RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that the City Council take the following actions:

1. City Council adopt resolution No. 14-26, to be read by title only and waive further reading, calling and giving notice to conduct a General Municipal Election on November 4, 2014 for the election of two members to the City Council; and
2. Adopt resolution No. 14-27, to be read by title only and waive further reading, requesting the Orange County Board of Supervisors to consolidate the General Municipal Election with the Statewide General Election and to issue instruction to the Orange County Registrar of Voters Elections Department to provide specific services in the conduct of the consolidated election; and
3. Adopt resolution No. 14-28, to be read by title only and waive further reading, adopting regulations pertaining to Candidates Statements.

BACKGROUND:

Pursuant to Costa Mesa Municipal Code Section 2-14, the city's general municipal elections are held in November of even-numbered years, concurrent with the statewide elections. Two council seats will be available in the coming election, each serving a full term of four years. The terms of office for current Mayor James Righeimer, and Council Member Wendy Leece expire in December.

As provided in California Elections Code Section 10403, the city is requesting that the County Board of Supervisors consolidate the proposed General Municipal Election with the Statewide General Election to be held on November 4, 2014. Additionally, there is a request to instruct the Orange County Registrar of Voters (ROV) to conduct the election with the city agreeing to reimburse the county for pertinent services performed in the conduct of the General Municipal Election. An estimated amount of \$100,000 has been included in the Fiscal Year 2014-15 preliminary budget for this purpose.

ANALYSIS:

Elections are held in accordance with the provisions of the California Elections Code. The council terms are staggered and, therefore, two seats will become vacant during this election cycle. It has been a long standing practice to consolidate the general municipal elections with the ROV, along with the statewide elections held in the even numbered years. Consolidation of the General Municipal Election with the county is cost-effective and reduces the duplication of efforts and expenses.

ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED:

No alternatives have been considered, as it is mandated by state code that the elections be held.

FISCAL REVIEW:

The amount of \$100,000 for this expenditure is included in the Fiscal Year 2014-15 preliminary budget.

LEGAL REVIEW:

Legal has reviewed the resolutions and approved them as to form.

CONCLUSION:

As required by the California Elections Code, the attached resolutions are presented for adoption in preparation of the General Municipal Election. Once adopted, certified copies of the resolution requesting consolidation will be forwarded to the County Board of Supervisors and the Orange County Registrar of Voters' Election Division. The appropriate legal notices will be published and the nomination period will begin on Monday, July 14, 2014 through Friday, August 8, 2014.

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City Attorney

- ATTACHMENTS:**
1. [Resolution Calling General Municipal Election](#)
 2. [Resolution Requesting Consolidation](#)
 3. [Resolution adopting regulations for Candidates Statements](#)