

CITY OF TEXAS CITY  
SPECIAL CALLED CITY COMMISSION MEETING

AGENDA

FRIDAY, APRIL 24, 2020 - 3:00 P.M.

KENNETH T. NUNN COUNCIL ROOM - CITY HALL  
1801 9th Ave. N.  
Texas City, TX 77590

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(1) ROLL CALL

(2) INVOCATION

(3) PUBLIC COMMENTS

(4) CONSENT AGENDA

(a) Consider and take action on Resolution No. 20-035, ordering a General Election to be held in Texas City on July 14, 2020, and designating polling locations. (City Secretary)

(5) MAYOR AND COMMISSIONER'S COMMENTS

(6)

ADJOURNMENT

NOTICE OF ANY SUBJECT APPEARING ON THIS AGENDA REGARDLESS OF HOW THE MATTER IS STATED MAY BE ACTED UPON BY THE CITY COMMISSION.

I CERTIFY THAT THE ABOVE NOTICE OF THE MEETING WAS POSTED ON THE CITY'S WEBSITE, ON APRIL 21, 2020 AT 3:00 P.M.

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NICHOLAS J. FINAN  
CITY SECRETARY

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(4) (a)

**CITY COMMISSION SPECIAL CALLED MTG**

**Meeting Date:** 04/24/2020

**Submitted By:** Rhomari Jackson, City Secretary

**Department:** City Secretary

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**Information**

**ACTION REQUEST (Brief Summary)**

Consider and take action on Resolution No. 20-035, ordering a General Election to be held in Texas City on July 14, 2020, and designating polling locations. (City Secretary)

**BACKGROUND**

Mayor Doyle has been working diligently with a few other communities to see if the Governor would allow cities to host the postponed May 2 election in concert with the primary run-off for federal, state and county offices. If successful, he wanted to make sure we followed the rules of calling an election. State law says the election must be called at least 78 days prior to the election. That would be Monday the 27th as the 78th day and to be conservative, the mayor wanted to meet on Friday. If the Governor should not grant cities the opportunity, we can cancel the notice and in August we will call an election for November. Mayor may wish to expand more at the meeting on Friday.

**ANALYSIS**

**ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED**

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**Fiscal Impact**

**Attachments**

Resolution

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**RESOLUTION NO. 20-035**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF TEXAS CITY, TEXAS, CALLING A GENERAL CITY ELECTION TO BE HELD IN THE CITY OF TEXAS CITY, TEXAS, ON TUESDAY, JULY 14, 2020, BETWEEN THE HOURS OF 7:00 A.M. AND 7:00 P.M., ESTABLISHING DAYS, HOURS AND LOCATIONS FOR EARLY VOTING, FOR THE PURPOSE OF ELECTING A MAYOR, TWO CITY COMMISSIONERS AT-LARGE, AND FOUR CITY COMMISSIONERS FROM DISTRICTS, EACH FOR TWO YEAR TERMS; DESIGNATING THE POLLING LOCATIONS; AND MAKING VARIOUS FINDINGS AND PROVISIONS RELATED TO THE SUBJECT; AND DECLARING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

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**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and City Commissioners of the City of Texas City, Texas are elected for two-year terms; and

**WHEREAS**, the terms of the Mayor and City Commissioners of the City of Texas City, Texas, are set to expire May 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, Article II of *The City Charter*, Chapter 41 of the **Texas Election Code**, and Section 26.042 of the **Texas Local Government Code** require an election for municipal officers to be held, ordered, and called on July 14, 2020, that being a uniform election date under the **Texas Election Code**, to fill the seats of the Mayor and City Commissioners; and,

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF TEXAS:**

**SECTION 1:** That notice is hereby given that a general City election will be held in and throughout the City of Texas City, Texas, on Tuesday, July 14, 2020, at which there shall be submitted to the duly qualified resident electors of the said City as to the election of the Mayor and two (2) At-Large Commissioners that shall be elected by a vote of the qualified voters of the entire City and Four (4) Commissioners shall be elected from districts as follows, to wit:

(a) **District No. 1.** District No. 1 of the City Commission districts shall be comprised of the following county election precincts, or portions of precincts, located within the City limits: 335, 336, 337, 338, 312, and the portion of Precinct 173 within confines as follows: bounded on the North by Moses Bayou; on the East by Union Pacific Railroad; on the South by 25th Avenue Extension; and on the West by the Gulf Coast Water Authority Canal.

(b) **District No. 2.** District No. 2 of the City Commission districts shall be comprised of the following county election precincts, or portions of precincts, located within the City limits: 151, 280, 301, the portion of 347 North of Palmer

Highway, 150 (excluding the area bounded on the West by 23rd Street; on the North by 34th Avenue North; the South by Loop 197 North; and on the East by 16th Street ditch), 199, 172, 159, 196, 197, and the portion of Precinct 173 East of Union Pacific Railroad.

(c) District No. 3. District No. 3 of the City Commission districts shall be comprised of the following county election precincts, or portions of precincts, located within the City limits: 168, 345, 369, 342, 343, and the portion of 347 South of Palmer Highway.

(d) District No. 4. District No. 4 of the City Commission districts shall be comprised of the following county election precincts, or portions of precincts, located within the City limits: 146, 148, 149, and a portion of Precinct 150 within confines as follows: bounded on the West by 23rd Street; bounded on the North by 34th Avenue North; bounded on the South by Loop 197 North; and bounded on the East by 16th Street ditch.

**SECTION 2:** That applications to have the name of a candidate placed on the ballot may not be filed earlier than thirty (30) days before the deadline prescribed by the Election Code for filing applications with the City Secretary and that the earliest date for a candidate to file the same will be January 15, 2020, at 8:00 a.m., with the last day for filing to be February 14, 2020, at 5:00 p.m., in accordance with **Texas Election Code** Sec. 143.007.

**SECTION 3:** That the City Secretary shall have the authority to modify polling locations, if necessary, and be able to cancel the election if no seats are contested.

**SECTION 4:** That the Mayor is hereby authorized to execute said Notice of Election.

**SECTION 5:** That the City Secretary is hereby directed to cause notice to be given of said election by publication in the local newspaper of the City of Texas City, Texas, in accordance with *The City Charter* and **Texas Election Code**. (See **Exhibit A**).

**SECTION 6:** That this Resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and adoption.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED this 24th day of April 2020.**

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Matthew T. Doyle, Mayor  
City of Texas City, Texas

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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Nicholas J. Finan  
City Secretary

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Kyle L. Dickson  
City Attorney