

**Timeline for Special Election  
April 10, 2018**

<b>Task</b>	<b>Statutory Timeline</b>	<b>Date</b>
Resignation Effective		October 1, 2017
Res Calling for Special Election	Council Action	October 10, 2017
Candidate filing notice to <i>Union</i>	Noon Wed for Fri publication	Up to November 1
Publish two weeks	At least 14 days prior to start	Up to November 3
Candidate Filing begins	84 days prior to Primary	November 21, 2017
Candidate Filing ends	70 days prior to Primary	December 5, 2017
Withdrawal ends	2 days after close of filing	December 7, 2017
Absentee Balloting Begins – Primary	46 days prior to Primary	December 29, 2017
Res Appointing Election Judges	At least 25 days prior	January 9, 2018
Publish Notice of Primary	14 days prior to Primary	January 26, 2018
Pub. Notice of Public Accuracy Test	7 days prior to Primary	February 2, 2018
Publish 2 <sup>nd</sup> Notice of Primary	7 days prior to Primary	February 2, 2018
<b>Primary Election Day</b>	Primary Election Day	February 13, 2018
Absentee Balloting Begins – General	46 days prior to General	February 23, 2018
Res Appointing Election Judges	At least 25 days prior	March 13, 2018
Publish Notice of General	14 days prior to General	March 23, 2018
Pub Notice of Public Accuracy Test	7 days prior to General	March 30, 2018
Pub 2 <sup>nd</sup> Notice of General	7 days prior to General	March 30, 2018
<b>Special Election Day</b>	General Election Day	April 10, 2018

Please note: A Special Election could have been scheduled for Tuesday, February 13, 2018, by moving ahead with publishing some of the notices prior to actually receiving Councilmember Williams' resignation. Staff would have also had to compress some of the statutory timelines as well, such as shorter candidate filing period, etc. However, staff feels its best practice to keep the timelines at the length laid out by Statutes, whenever possible. If a Special Election would have been scheduled for February 13, the Primary would have been held on December 19, 2017. The date of April 13 works best to be able abide by Statute timelines and appears to be a better time period for voters as well, by avoiding an election the week of the Christmas holiday.