



REQUEST FOR ACTION CITY COUNCIL

Agenda Date: 4/1/2025
Agenda Section: Other Business

Department Origination: Administration

Agenda Item: Reschedule April 15, 2025 Council Meeting Due to the Primary Election for Senate District 6

Approval Required: Simple Majority Vote

BACKGROUND

Governor Walz issued a writ of special election to fill a vacancy in Senate District 6. A special election to fill the vacancy will be held on Tuesday, April 29, 2025. If necessary, a special primary election for nomination of candidates will be held on Tuesday, April 15, 2025. Candidates have until 5:00 pm on April 1st to file.

Based on the number of individuals that have expressed interest in filing, staff is assuming a primary election on April 15th will be needed. Because of this, the regularly scheduled council meeting on April 15th will need to be rescheduled. The council chambers will not be available for a council meeting on Monday, April 14th due to the room being prepared for the election. Staff is recommending the council reschedule the council meeting to Wednesday, April 16th.

Staff will continue to monitor if a primary election will not be necessary.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no financial implications with rescheduling the council meeting.

There are financial implications with holding both a primary election and special election. Since 2025 is not an election year, the city did not budget for administering elections. The city is required to hire election judges to staff the city's four precincts. The city will not be reimbursed for the cost of administering the elections.

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS

Staff recommend the council reschedule the April 15th council meeting to April 16th.

COUNCIL ACTION REQUESTED

Motion to reschedule the Tuesday, April 15, 2025 council meeting to Wednesday, April 16, 2025 due to the primary election.