



CITY COUNCIL CONSIDERATION ITEM

CITY OF FAIR OAKS RANCH, TEXAS

February 17, 2022

AGENDA TOPIC: Approval of a Resolution authorizing a Joint Election Agreement with Kendall County Elections relating to the May 7, 2022 election and authorizing the City Manager to execute all documents in connection therewith

DATE: February 17, 2022

DEPARTMENT: City Secretary

PRESENTED BY: Consent Agenda - Christina Picioccio, TRMC, City Secretary

INTRODUCTION/BACKGROUND:

Texas Election Code Section 271.002 authorizes two or more political subdivisions to enter into an agreement to hold elections jointly. As such, the Federal and State Governments encourage entities such as cities, school districts, water districts, etc. to contract with their local County Elections Office to administer respective elections jointly with other entities. The intent of administering joint elections is to provide convenient, simple and cost-effective elections.

By way of background, the cost for Fair Oaks Ranch to hold a stand-alone election is approximately \$30,000. Historically, the City has contracted with Bexar County and has held the election in the City Hall Council Chambers. As of 2021, the city campus has been expected to be under construction for the new Civic Center and City Hall renovations making it tenuous to hold elections on premises. In May and July of 2021, the city contracted with Kendall County to run its city elections as Kendall County was the only county to obtain a polling site within the city limits for all its residents.

The City Secretary presented to council at the January 20, 2022, council meeting various options regarding the May 2022 election. Council directed staff to proceed with ordering the election and to contract with Kendall County to run our city elections.

POLICY ANALYSIS/BENEFIT(S) TO CITIZENS:

Contracting with Kendall County Elections to be part of their joint ballot is convenient for our citizens and less expensive than conducting a stand-alone election. Entering into a Joint Election Agreement with Kendall County will provide for multiple early voting poll sites, experienced poll workers and efficient Election night results.

LONGTERM FINANCIAL & BUDGETARY IMPACT:

Costs estimates as provided in Exhibit B are \$7, 197.85. Total election budget is \$38, 222.00.

LEGAL ANALYSIS:

Approved as to form

RECOMMENDATION/PROPOSED MOTION:

Consent Agenda - I move to approve a Resolution approving a Joint Election Agreement with Kendall County Elections and authorize the City Manager to sign the Agreement.