



City Council Agenda Item

Subject: Council Discussion and Approval for Clayton County Board of Election to Conduct any and all Elections for the city – Executive Department

Submitted By: Michelle Hood

Date Submitted: December 12, 2024

Work Session Date: December 16, 2024

Council Meeting Date: December 16, 2024

Background/History:

In keeping with the approach endorsed by the governing body last year, I recommend that Clayton County be entrusted with overseeing the election process. As the sole certified election superintendent currently on staff, I believe that delegating this responsibility to the County will ensure the highest standard of electoral integrity, while also mitigating any potential conflicts of interest that could arise from my direct involvement in an election process concerning my supervisors.

Furthermore, the associated costs will be minimal and comparable to those agreed upon last year when the County was approved to manage the election, although that election did not ultimately take place. I have already initiated contact with Clayton County to obtain a cost estimate for this Special Election. It is important to highlight that, while Clayton County would handle the general administration of the election, the City Clerk will retain responsibility for managing the qualifying process for candidates, as has been standard protocol in past elections.

Cost: \$

Budgeted for: _____ **Yes** _____ **No**

Financial Impact:

none

Action Requested from Council:

Approval