



CITY OF
FORESTPARK

City Council Agenda Item

Subject: Council Approval of Resolution Recognizing Cancellation of 2023 Municipal Elections – Executive and Legal

Submitted By: City Attorney

Date Submitted: August 29, 2023

Work Session Date: September 5, 2023

Council Meeting Date: September 5, 2023

Background/History:

The qualifying period for candidates in the 2023 municipal elections closed on August 24, 2023. As of the end of the qualifying period, only the incumbents in Wards 3, 4 and 5 qualified as candidates with no opposing candidates qualifying in each ward.

O.C.G.A. § 21-2-285 (j) provides that “in the event there is no opposed candidate in a precinct in a general or special municipal election, no election shall be held in such precinct unless a write-in candidate has qualified as provided by law or unless there are issues to be submitted to the electorate within a precinct.”

As of August 31, no person qualified as a write-in candidate, and there are no ballot questions submitted to the voters of the City of Forest Park in the 2023 municipal elections.

By operation of State law, no 2023 municipal election shall be conducted because there are no opposed candidates in the 2023 municipal election, no write-in candidates have qualified as provided by law and there are no issues to be submitted to the electorate.

The resolution acknowledges the cancellation of the 2023 elections under State law and directs staff to take the necessary steps to inform the voters of the cancellation.

Cost: \$ N/A

Budgeted for: _____ Yes _____ No

Financial Impact:

Action Requested from Council:

Approval of the resolution.