

# Mayor and Council Communication

**DATE:** 04/28/26

**M&C FILE NUMBER:** M&C 26-0294

**LOG NAME:** 11JOINT 2026 SPECIAL ELECTION TARRANT

## **SUBJECT**

(ALL) Authorize Execution of a Joint Election Agreement and Contract for Election Services with the Tarrant County Elections Administrator for the Special Elections to be Held on May 2, 2026, for the Purpose of Considering Issuance of Public Securities (Bonds) and Nine Proposed Amendments to the City Charter and for Electing a Council Member for City Council District 10, to Serve the Remainder of an Unexpired Term, in the Estimated Amount of \$560,820.11 Plus a 25% Contingency, for a Maximum of \$701,025.14, and Authorize Advance Payment of a Seventy-Five Percent Deposit in the Amount of \$420,615.08

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## **RECOMMENDATION:**

It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Authorize execution of a Joint Election Agreement and Contract for election services with the Tarrant County Elections Administrator for the special elections to be held on May 2, 2026, for the purpose of considering issuance of public securities (bonds) and nine proposed amendments to the City Charter and for electing a council member for City Council District 10, to serve the remainder of an unexpired term, in the estimated amount of \$560,820.11 plus a 25% contingency, for a maximum of \$701,025.14; and
2. Authorize advance payment of a seventy-five percent deposit in the amount of \$420,615.08.

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## **DISCUSSION:**

The purpose of the Mayor and Council Communication (M&C) is to authorize execution of a Joint Election Agreement and Contract for election services with the Tarrant County Elections Administrator for the special elections to be held on May 2, 2026, for the purpose of considering issuance of public securities (bonds) and nine proposed amendments to the City Charter and for electing a council member for City Council District 10, to serve the remainder of an unexpired term, in the estimated amount of \$560,820.11 plus a 25% contingency, for a maximum of \$701,025.14, with an advance payment of 75% deposit in the amount of \$420,615.08.

On January 13, 2026, the City Council adopted Ordinance 28252-01-2026 calling a special election for Saturday, May 2, 2026, for the purpose of electing a council member for City Council District 10, to serve the remainder of an unexpired term.

On February 10, 2026, the City Council adopted ordinances calling special elections for Saturday, May 2, 2026, for the purpose of considering issuance of public securities (bonds) and nine proposed amendments to the City Charter.

The Joint Election Agreement and Contract provides for election services, equipment, supplies and ballots needed to conduct the election, including the training and compensation of election judges and clerks, preparation and distribution of ballots, arranging for the use of public facilities for early voting and election day and conducting early voting and election day voting.

The estimated cost of the election is \$560,820.11 plus contingency. A deposit of approximately 75 percent is normally paid before the election is held. A final invoice for the total election costs is then submitted after the election.

Funding will be transferred within the General Fund from Non-Departmental to the City Secretary Department according to Ordinance 27979-09-2025 Section 9 (B) Delegated Authority for the purpose of funding the special election services.

A Form 1295 is not required because: This contract will be with a governmental entity, state agency or public institution of higher education: Tarrant County

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## **FISCAL INFORMATION / CERTIFICATION:**

The Director of Finance certifies that funds are available in the current operating budget, as previously appropriated, in the General Fund to support the approval of the above recommendations and execution of the contract. Prior to any expenditure being incurred, the City Secretary Department has the responsibility to validate the availability of funds.

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