

ORDINANCE No. 17-0202

AN ORDINANCE BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WILMER, TEXAS, ORDERING A GENERAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON SATURDAY, MAY 6, 2017, FOR THE PURPOSE TO ELECT THREE (3) COUNCILMEMBERS FOR A TWO (2) YEAR TERM(S); PROVIDING FOR THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A JOINT ELECTION AGREEMENT WITH DALLAS COUNTY; ALLOWING DALLAS COUNTY ELECTIONS DEPARTMENT TO NAME AN EARLY VOTING AND ELECTION DAY CLERK, APPOINT A PRESIDING ELECTION JUDGE, AND AN ALTERNATE PRESIDING ELECTION JUDGE; PROVIDING FOR EARLY VOTING BY PERSONAL APPEARANCE; PROVIDING FOR BALLOTS BY MAIL; PROVIDING FOR CANVASSING OF VOTES; PROVIDING FOR A RUN-OFF ELECTION IF NEEDED, AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WILMER, TEXAS, THAT:

SECTION 1. A general election be held on the 6th day of May, 2017, 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., for the purposes of election of municipal officers, to wit: Election for three (3) Council Members to a two (2) year term(s). The last day to file for a place on the General Election Ballot is Friday, February 17, 2017 at 5 p.m.

SECTION 2. Said election shall be held as a Joint Election administered by the Dallas County Elections Administrator in accordance with the provisions of the Texas Election Code and a Joint Election Agreement; and, the Mayor is hereby authorized to execute said Joint Election Agreement with Dallas County.

SECTION 3. The three (3) Council Member candidates receiving the highest votes shall be elected to serve a two (2) year term. Each shall be elected to serve such term or until his or her successor is duly elected and qualified.

SECTION 4. If a run-off election becomes necessary, the possible period for the run-off election is June 10th, 2017. The Dallas County Elections Administrator will conduct the Election.

SECTION 5. A Presiding Election Judge and an Alternate Presiding Election Judge shall be appointed in accordance with the Joint Election Agreement.

SECTION 6. Early voting by personal appearance shall be conducted at the Wilmer Community Center located at 101 Davidson Plaza in Wilmer, Texas 75172. Early voting will begin beginning Monday, April 24, 2017 through Tuesday, May 2, 2017, 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.;

Early Voting Dates and Times:

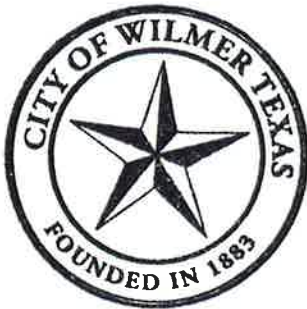
Monday, April 24, 2017 through Friday, April 28, 2017	8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Saturday, April 29, 2017	8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Sunday, April 30, 2017	1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.
Monday, May 1, 2017 and Tuesday, May 2, 2017	7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

SECTION 7. Qualified residents of Wilmer may vote early in the Joint Election by personal appearance at either the Wilmer Community Center or at any of the other branch locations, as published by the Dallas County Elections Department and in accordance with the Joint Election Agreement. Application for a ballot by mail shall be mailed to: Antoinette "Toni" Pippins-Poole Dallas County Election Administrator; Dallas County Elections Department, Health & Human Services Building, 2377 N. Stemmons Freeway, Suite 820, Dallas, Texas 75207, will be the Early Voting Clerk in compliance with Section 271.006 of the Texas Election Code. The Main Early Voting Place shall be: Dallas County Records Building, 509 Main Street, Dallas, Texas, 75202. Application for ballot by mail must be received by the Early Voting Clerk no later than the close of business at 7:00 p.m. on Saturday, May 6, 2017.

SECTION 8. The City Secretary shall present such returns to the City Council for the canvassing of said election. The canvass of said election returns shall be conducted by the City Council not earlier than the 3rd day nor later than the 11th day after the election.

SECTION 9. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately from and after its passage, as the law in such cases provides.

DULY ORDERED AND PASSED by the City Council of the City of Wilmer on this 2nd day of February, 2017.



APPROVED:


CASSEY BURGESS, MAYOR

ATTEST:


ELIZABETH LOPEZ, CITY SECRETARY

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

MICHAEL HALLA, CITY ATTORNEY

Important 2017 Election Dates

May 6, 2017 - Uniform Election Date

Authority conducting elections	Local political subdivisions and counties
Deadline to post notice of candidate filing deadline ¹	Monday, December 19, 2016 for local political subdivisions that have a first day to file for their candidates ¹
First Day to Apply for Ballot by Mail	Sunday, January 1, 2017* <i>*First day to file does not move because of New Year's Day holiday. An "Annual ABBM" or FPCA for a January or February 2017 election may be filed earlier, but not earlier than the 60th day before the date of the January or February election.</i>
First Day to File for Place on General Election Ballot ¹	Wednesday, January 18, 2017
Last Day to File for Place on Ballot, Local General Election ¹	Friday, February 17, 2017 at 5:00 p.m. See note below relating to four-year terms ³
Last Day to Order General Election or Election on a Measure	Friday, February 17, 2017
Last Day to Register to Vote	Thursday, April 6, 2017
First Day of Early Voting By Personal Appearance	Monday, April 24, 2017
Last Day to Apply for Ballot by Mail (Received, not Postmarked)	Tuesday, April 25, 2017
Last Day of Early Voting By Personal Appearance	Tuesday, May 2, 2017
Last day to Receive Ballot by Mail	Saturday, May 6, 2017 (election day) at 7:00 p.m. (unless overseas deadline applies)

WILMER CITY COUNCIL
Agenda Communication
February 2, 2017

AGENDA ITEM

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Consider adoption of ORDINANCE No. 17-0202 Calling for and Establishing the Procedures for a General Election on Saturday, May 6, 2017 to fill three (3) places on the Wilmer City Council; a Joint Election to be administered by the Dallas County Elections Department.

Issue/Problem

City Code of Ordinances requires that a General Election be held on May 6, 2017 to fill three (3) expiring terms on the Wilmer City Council and in accordance with the Texas Election Code.

Background

The City Secretary will be attending the Dallas County Joint Elections Project Meeting on Friday, February 3, 2017 regarding the Contract for Election Services.

The Contract for Election Services between Dallas County Elections Administrator and the City of Wilmer will be presented at an upcoming City Council Meeting for consideration and approval.

The Current Schedule Joint Election Early and Election Day voting times are:

Monday, April 24, 2017 through Friday, April 29, 2017	8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Saturday, April 29, 2017	8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Sunday, April 30, 2017	1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.
Monday, May 1, 2017 and Tuesday, May 2, 2017	7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.
Saturday, May 6, 2017 (Election Day)	7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Options/Alternatives

State Law requires that the City Council call for the May 6, 2017 General Election.

Staff Recommendation

Staff recommends the City Council approve the Ordinance Calling for a General Election on May 6, 2017 to fill three (3) places on the Wilmer City Council; serving a two (2) year term.

Operational Considerations

The City Council has identified the Community Center located at 101 Davidson Plaza in Wilmer, Texas 75172, as the Early Voting and Election Day polling location, and as a result will not be available for other uses during Early Voting and Election Day(s) and Hours.

Public Information

Public Information will be provided in compliance with the Texas Election Code.

Attachments

Attachment: Ordinance No.17-0202A Ordering a General Election May 6, 2017

Prepared and Submitted By:

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Approved By:

Denny Wheat, City Administrator