

SUBJECT: CONSIDERATION OF CALLING JUNE 3, 2014 GENERAL ELECTION; REQUESTING CONSOLIDATION OF ELECTIONS; AND SETTING SPECIFIED SERVICES

SOURCE: ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES DEPARTMENT

COMMENT: Certain decisions must be made by the City Council with regard to the upcoming Municipal Election of June 3, 2014. With regard to the two City Council seats, the areas in question are as follows:

A. Candidates' Statements:

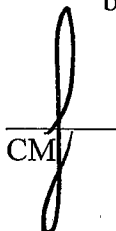
1. If they are to be allowed.
2. If the candidate will have to pay the pro rata cost of printing and distributing the candidates' statements of 200 words or less (cost of mailing not included). The County estimates this cost to be approximately \$1,300 per candidate.
3. If other mailing of election material is to be permitted.

B. If County Services will be used for the following:

1. Prepare, print and mail to the qualified electors of the City sample ballots and voter pamphlets.
2. Provide Vote by Mail ballots for said General Municipal Election for use by the qualified electors who may be entitled to such ballots in the manner provided by law.
3. Order the consolidation of precincts, appoint precinct boards, designate polling places and instruct election officers concerning their duties.
4. Conduct and canvass the returns of the election and certify the votes cast to the City Council as set forth in Election Code Sec. 10262.
5. Receive and process Vote by Mail ballot voter applications.
6. Prepare, print and deliver supplies to the polling places, including the official ballots and a receipt for said supplies.
7. Recount votes, if requested, in accordance with state law.
8. Conduct the above election duties in accordance with the Voting Rights Act of 1975.
9. Perform all other pertinent services required to be performed for said election, except as otherwise agreed, other than the requirements of the Fair Political Practices Commission; said FPPC requirements to be performed by the City Clerk.

  
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C. The designation for the Central Counting of Ballots:

1. Designate counting place for ballots (Tulare County Election Department, 5951 S. Mooney Blvd., Visalia, California).

The Tulare County Registrar of Voters roughly estimates that the cost for this election will be approximately \$2.75 to \$3.00 per voter, or \$42,333 to \$46,182. This estimate is based on the number of registered voters in Porterville as of the previous municipal election of June 5, 2012, which was 15,394.

RECOMMENDATION: That the City Council:

1. Allow candidates' statements of 200 words or less with no additional mailings and determine whether the candidate or the City shall be responsible for the estimated \$1,300 per candidate cost for same; and
2. Authorize that County services be used as designated above; and that the County Election Department, 5951 S. Mooney, Visalia, California, be designated as the Central Counting Place for the June 3, 2014, General Municipal Election;
3. Adopt the draft resolution calling the election for June 3, 2014; requesting and consenting to the consolidation of the election; and setting specifications of the election order;
4. Adopt the draft resolution requesting the Board of Supervisors permit the Registrar of Voters to render specified services to the City, for the June 3, 2014, Election;
5. Authorize payment to the Tulare County Registrar of Voters upon the completion of the requested services; and
6. Direct staff to proceed with placing ballot measures on the June 3, 2014, ballot for amendments to the City's Charter.

- ATTACHMENTS:
1. Draft Resolution calling the election; requesting and consenting to the consolidation of elections; and setting specifications of the election order
  2. Draft Resolution requesting the Tulare County Board of Supervisors permit the County Registrar of Voters to render specific County services to the City

RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_-2014

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE  
CITY OF PORTERVILLE CALLING THE GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION OF JUNE 3,  
2014; REQUESTING AND CONSENTING TO THE CONSOLIDATION OF ELECTIONS;  
AND SETTING SPECIFICATIONS OF THE ELECTION ORDER

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Porterville has ordered a Municipal Election to be held on Tuesday, June 3, 2014, to fill certain municipal offices; and

WHEREAS, other elections may be held in whole or in part of the territory of the City of Porterville and it is to the advantage of the City to consolidate pursuant to Elections Code Section 10400; and

WHEREAS, Elections Code Section 10240 provides that the governing board shall determine the hours of opening and closing the polls; and

WHEREAS, Elections Code Section 10002 requires the City to reimburse the County in full for the services performed upon presentation of a bill for services to the City by the County Elections Official; and

WHEREAS, Elections Code Section 13307 requires that before the nominating period opens, the governing body must determine whether a charge shall be levied against each candidate submitting a candidate's statement to be sent to the voters; and

WHEREAS, Elections Code Section 12101 requires the publication of a notice of the election once in a newspaper of general circulation in the City.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that an election be held in accordance with the following specifications:

SPECIFICATIONS OF THE ELECTION ORDER

1. The Election shall be held on Tuesday, the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of June, 2014. The purpose of the election is to choose successors for the following offices:  
  
Two (2) Members of the City Council  
(Full Term of Four Years)
2. This City Council hereby requests and consents to the consolidation of this election with other elections which may be held in whole or in part of the territory of the City, as provided in Elections Code 10400.
3. The City hereby designates the hours of the polls are to be kept open shall be from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

4. The City will reimburse the County of Tulare for the actual cost incurred in conducting the election upon receipt of a bill for services as determined by the Elections Official.
5. The City Council has determined that the \_\_\_\_\_ will pay for the Candidate's Statement. The Candidate's Statement will be limited to 200 words.
6. The City directs that a certified copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the Registrar of Voters, and the Board of Supervisors of Tulare County.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this \_\_\_\_ day of January, 2014.

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Cameron J. Hamilton, Mayor

ATTEST:

John D. Lollis, City Clerk

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By: Patrice Hildreth, Chief Deputy City Clerk

RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_-2014

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE  
CITY OF PORTERVILLE REQUESTING THE TULARE COUNTY BOARD OF  
SUPERVISORS PERMIT THE COUNTY REGISTRAR OF VOTERS TO RENDER  
SPECIFIED SERVICES TO THE CITY OF PORTERVILLE

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Elections Code, the governing body of any city may, by Resolution, request the Board of Supervisors of the County to permit the County Elections Official to render specified services to the city related to the conduct of an election; and

WHEREAS, the City of Porterville has ordered an election be held within the boundaries of the City on June 3, 2014.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Porterville:

The Board of Supervisors of Tulare County is hereby requested to permit the County Registrar of Voters to render services to the City of Porterville relating to the conduct of the June 3, 2014 Municipal Election as follows:

- a. Prepare, print and mail to the qualified electors of the City sample ballots and voter pamphlets.
- b. Provide Vote by Mail ballots for said General Municipal Election for use by the qualified electors who may be entitled to such ballots in the manner provided by law.
- c. Order the consolidation of precincts, appoint precinct boards, designate polling places and instruct election officers concerning their duties.
- d. Conduct and canvass the returns of the election and certify the votes cast to the City Council as set forth in Election Code Sec. 10262.
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- g. Recount votes, if requested, in accordance with state law.
- h. Conduct the above election duties in accordance with the Voting Rights Act of 1975.
- i. Perform all other pertinent services required to be performed for said election, except as otherwise agreed, other than the requirements of the Fair Political Practices Commission; said FPPC requirements to be performed by the City Clerk.

The City Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to transmit certified copies of this Resolution to the Board of Supervisors and to the County Registrar of Voters.

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Cameron J. Hamilton, Mayor

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