

**THE CITY OF OKLAHOMA CITY
OFFICE OF
THE MUNICIPAL COUNSELOR**

Council Agenda
Item No. IX.K.1&2.
10/11/2016

TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Kenneth Jordan, Municipal Counselor

1. Resolution authorizing the calling and holding of a Primary and a General Election in The City of Oklahoma City for the purpose of electing Councilmembers from Wards 1, 3, 4 and 7 of The City of Oklahoma City; setting forth certain facts required by State law; setting the date of the Primary Election as February 14, 2017, and the General Election, if needed, as April 4, 2017; directing that a certified copy of this resolution be delivered to the Secretary of the Oklahoma County Election Board on or before November 18, 2016, for the purpose of giving such officer official notice of said elections; setting the dates of the filing period for such elections as December 5, 6, and 7, 2016; directing the City Clerk to forthwith submit a current, certified copy of the Oklahoma City Charter to said election board as required by Section 13-109 of Title 26 of the Oklahoma Statutes; and further directing the City Manager to forthwith order the appropriate City officer or employee to provide the Oklahoma County Election Board with a current City map as required by Section 13-107 of Title 26 of the Oklahoma Statutes.
2. Proclamation of the Mayor related to calling and holding the 2017 regular Primary and General Elections in The City of Oklahoma City for the purpose of electing Councilmembers from Wards 1, 3, 4 and 7; setting forth certain facts related thereto; and giving public notice thereof.

Under the provisions of the Oklahoma City Charter, the four-year terms for the Councilmembers from Wards 1, 3, 4, and 7 will be ending in April of 2017. It is therefore necessary, as further provided by the Charter, for elections to be called and held in 2017 for the purpose of choosing the successors to said offices.

The Municipal Counselor has prepared the appropriate documents to authorize the calling and holding of the 2017 regular Council elections. These documents include the following:

- A Resolution authorizing the calling and holding of a 2017 primary election and a 2017 general election, if necessary, in the City to elect Councilmembers from Wards 1, 3, 4, and 7; and further notifying the Oklahoma County Election Board of said elections; and
- A Proclamation to be signed by the Mayor to actually call the elections and notify the public thereof, as required by Article X, §3 of the Oklahoma City Charter.

Due to changes in State election laws in both 2015 and 2016, the date for the regular Council primary election, the dates for the filing period, and the related deadline for notifying the Oklahoma County Election Board of the schedule of regular elections have all changed as follows:

- The respective dates for the 2017 regular primary and general elections for Wards 1, 3, 4, and 7 in 2017 will be Tuesday, February 14, 2017, and Tuesday, April 4, 2017.
- The dates of the filing period for the 2017 regular elections will be Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, December 5, 6, and 7, 2016, respectively.
- The date for the City Clerk to provide notice of the 2017 regular elections to the Oklahoma County Election Board is November 18, 2016.

The Municipal Counselor recommends both documents be approved by the Council at its October 11, 2016, meeting.