



City of Denton

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AGENDA INFORMATION SHEET

DEPARTMENT: City Secretary's Office

ACM: City Manager Sara Hensley

DATE: January 13, 2026

SUBJECT

Consider adoption of an ordinance of the City of Denton ordering an election for Place 5, Place 6, and Mayor to Place 7, and a special election to fill the vacancy for the City Council District 3 and City Council District 4 to be held on May 2, 2026 and if the runoff election is held on June 13, 2026 prescribing the time, manner, and conduct of the election in accordance with a joint election agreement and contract for election services with the Election Administrator of Denton County; and providing an effective date.

BACKGROUND

On December 22, 2025, Council Member Vicki Byrd submitted her resignation as a member of the Council District 1 to become effective at the time of the canvass of the results of the City Council election to be held May 2, 2026. On December 19, 2025, Council Member Brian Beck submitted his resignation as a member of the Council District 2 to become effective at the time of the canvass of the results of the City Council election to be held May 2, 2026. These resignations created an upcoming vacancy in the two-noted districts.

Section 201.051(a) of the Texas Election Code requires a vacancy in office to be filled by special election shall be ordered as soon as practicable after the vacancy occurs. For the May 2, 2026 Uniform Election, the deadline for ordering the special election is the 70th day before election day. This would be Saturday, February 21, 2026. As the City Council is scheduled to order the general election for City Council Places 5, 6, and 7 (Mayor) on January 13, 2026, the special election is also being considered to be ordered on the same day. Ordering the special election on January 13th further provides additional time for the filing period applicable to candidates seeking election to City Council Districts 1 and 2.

Approval of this ordinance would formally order the May 2, 2026 General Election to fill Places 5, 6 and 7 (Mayor) and Special Election to fill the unexpired terms for Districts 1 and 2. It also provides that the City will be entering into a joint election agreement and contract for election services (the "Agreement") with the Denton County Elections Administrator to perform various election functions. The Agreement will be scheduled for formal adoption at a later date.

EXHIBITS

Exhibit 1 - Agenda Information Sheet

Exhibit 2 - Ordinance

Exhibit 3 - Presentation

Respectfully submitted:

Ingrid Rex
City Secretary