

Meeting Date (?) 07/12/2016

Subject Matter* (?) Interlocal Agreement for Joint Elections
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Department of Origin* CITY CLERK

Submitted By* Mary Lynne Stratta

Type of Meeting* BCD Special Regular

Classification* Public Hearing Consent Statutory Regular

Ordinance* None First Read Second Read First & Only Read

Strategic Initiative* Public Safety Service
 Economic Development Infrastructure
 Quality of Life

Agenda Item Description* Consideration - Interlocal Agreement with Brazos County for Joint Elections

Consider approval of an interlocal agreement with Brazos County for the conduct of joint elections to be held on November 8, 2016, which is the general election date set by law.

Summary Statement* State law requires that governmental entities that will be holding joint elections approve an interlocal agreement yearly. The attached agreement is identical to past agreements, except this document sets out the use of vote centers as implemented last year and approved by the Secretary of State. Holding joint elections saves each governmental entity money and provides more convenience to voters, while reducing voter confusion. The conduct of fair, democratic elections addresses the City Council's strategic initiative of quality of life.

Staff Analysis & Recommendation* In order to hold joint elections in Texas, statute requires the entities participating in the joint elections enter into an interlocal agreement prior to the conduct of the joint elections. The agreement attached hereto is the same as in years past, except for the inclusion of the use of vote centers since their utilization going forward has been approved by the Secretary of State's Office. Our voters overwhelmingly appeared happy with the use of vote centers last November.

This action by the City Council is ministerial in nature, but required by State law.

Options* (In Suggested Order of Staff Preference)

1. Approve the agreement.
2. Delay action.
3. Do not approve.

Funding Source* City Secretary's Election Budget.

Attachments Interlocal Agreement for Joint Elections_Agreement.doc 32.5KB

Please detail attachments and note attachments available for viewing in City Secretary's Office:
1. Joint Election Agreement with Brazos County for conduct of November 8, 2016, joint elections.

Dept. Head Signature 

Deputy City Manager Signature 

City Manager Signature

Hugh R. Walker

City Attorney Signature

Janis K. Hampton