RESOLUTION NO. 2023-02-22 E

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LANCASTER, TEXAS, ORDERING A GENERAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON MAY 6, 2023 FOR THE ELECTION OF ONE COUNCILMEMBER FOR DISTRICT 2, ONE COUNCILMEMBER FOR DISTRICT 4, AND ONE COUNCILMEMBER FOR DISTRICT 6 FOR A THREE YEAR TERM; PROVIDING FOR THE PUBLICATION AND POSTING OF NOTICE; PROVIDING FOR EARLY VOTING DATES, TIMES AND LOCATIONS; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City Charter requires that a councilmember for Districts 2, 4 and 6 shall be elected this year at a General Election to be held on May 6, 2023, under the TEXAS ELECTION CODE and the City’s Home Rule Charter; and

WHEREAS, by law it becomes the ministerial duty of the City Council to call for such municipal election;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT REMEMBERED THAT on this the 13th day of February, 2023, at a duly convened meeting of the City Council of the City of Lancaster, Texas, a quorum being present, the Council issued the following order:

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that a General Election be held in the City of Lancaster, Texas, on the 6th day of May, 2023, the same being the first Saturday of the month, 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., for the purpose of electing one councilmember for District 2 for a three (3) year term, one councilmember for District 4 for a three (3) year term, and one councilmember for District 6 for a three (3) year term; and,

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED: That such general 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,

None but legally qualified voters of District 2 shall be entitled to vote for the Councilmember for District 2; none but legally qualified voters of District 4 shall be entitled to vote for the Councilmember for District 4; and none but legally qualified voters of District 6 shall be entitled to vote for the Councilmember for District 6; and,

The candidate for each such office receiving a majority of all votes cast for all candidates for such office shall be elected to serve such term or until his or her successor is duly elected and qualified; and,

In the event any candidate for any one of said offices fails to receive a majority of all votes cast for all the candidates for such office, a run-off election shall be held. If a run-off election becomes necessary, the run-off election shall be held on Saturday, June 10, 2023. The Dallas County Elections Administrator will conduct the run-off election; and,

A Presiding Election Judge and an Alternate Presiding Election Judge shall be appointed in accordance with the Joint Election Agreement; and,
Notice of said election shall be published once in the official newspaper of the City not earlier than April 6, 2023, the 30th day before Election Day, and not later than April 26, 2023, the 10th day before Election Day. Such notice shall also be posted on the Bulletin Board used to publish notice of City Council Meetings not later than April 15, 2023, the last business day prior to the 21st day before Election Day; and,

A copy of the published notice that contains the name of the newspaper and the date of publication shall be retained as a record of such notice, and the person posting the notice shall make a record at the time of posting stating the date and place of posting and deliver a copy of said notice posted to the Mayor of the City of Lancaster after the posting is made; and,

EARLY VOTING

Michael Scarpello, Dallas County Elections Administrator, is the appointed early voting clerk in compliance with Section 271.006 of the Texas Election Code. Other deputy early voting clerks will be appointed as needed to process early voting mail and to conduct early voting at the branch locations.

Early voting by personal appearance will be conducted at the main and branch locations beginning Monday, April 24, 2023 through Friday, April 28, 2023, between 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.; Saturday, April 29, 2023, between 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.; Sunday, April 30, 2023, between 12:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.; and Monday, May 1, 2023 through Tuesday, May 2, 2023, between 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.; and,

Any qualified voter of Lancaster may vote early for the Joint Election by personal appearance at either the main early voting location or at any Dallas County Branch Early Voting location;

MAIN EARLY VOTING POLLING PLACE: Dallas County Records Building

BRANCH EARLY VOTING POLLING PLACES:

Branch early voting for the joint election to be held on April 24, 2023, will be conducted at various branch early voting polling locations including the Lancaster Veterans Memorial Library at 1600 Veterans Memorial Parkway, Lancaster, Texas 75134. A list of all Dallas County Early Voting Polling locations is available at: www.dallascountyvotes.org.

EARLY VOTING BY MAIL

Application for a ballot by mail shall be mailed to:
Michael Scarpello - Early Voting Clerk
Office of the Elections Department
1520 Round Table Drive
Dallas, Texas 75247

Application for ballot by mail must be received no later than the close of business on April 25, 2023; and,

BRANCH ELECTION DAY VOTING POLLING PLACES:

Branch voting for the joint election to be held on May 6, 2023, will be conducted at various branch voting polling locations. A list of all Dallas County Voting Polling locations is available at www.dallascountyvotes.org.

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The City Secretary shall present such returns to the City Council for the
canvassing of said elections; and,

The canvass of said election returns for the election of officers shall be
conducted by the City Council not earlier than the 3rd day nor later than the 11th day
after the election.

ATTEST:

Sorangel O. Arenas, City Secretary

APPROVED:

Clyde C. Hairston, Mayor

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

David T. Ritter, City Attorney

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