

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-220

WHEREAS, on February 11, 2020, by Resolution No. 2020-080, a General City Election was ordered to be held on Saturday, May 2, 2020, for the purpose of electing a Mayor At-Large and Council Members for Districts I and III; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 418.016 of the Texas Government Code, on March 18, 2020, the Governor of the State of Texas signed a proclamation suspending certain provisions of the Texas Election Code to allow all local political subdivisions that are utilizing the May 2, 2020 uniform election date to postpone their elections to the November 3, 2020 uniform election date,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WACO, TEXAS:

That the May 2, 2020 general election, previously ordered by Resolution No. 2020-080, is postponed to be held on November 3, 2020; provided, however, if an earlier date, occurring after May 2, 2020, but before November 3, 2020, is authorized by the Governor of the State of Texas, the City Council may consider holding the general election originally scheduled for May 2, 2020 on such earlier date.

That the City of Waco is exercising the authority to postpone this election pursuant to the proclamation of the Governor of the State of Texas dated March 18, 2020, allowing political subdivisions that would otherwise hold elections on May 2, 2020, to move their general and special elections to the next uniform election date occurring on November 3, 2020, and subsequent proclamation(s), order(s) or other forms of authorization, if any, of the Governor of the State of Texas allowing political subdivisions that would otherwise hold elections on May 2, 2020, to move their general and special elections for 2020 to a date occurring after May 2, 2020, but before November 3, 2020.

That as used herein, "postponed election" shall mean the election to be held on November 3, 2020, or, if an earlier date, occurring after May 2, 2020, but before November 3, 2020 is authorized by the Governor and the City Council takes action to move the election date to such earlier date, "postponed election" shall mean the election to be held on such earlier date.

That candidate filings for the postponed election will remain valid for the postponed election and the filing period will not be re-opened for the postponed election.

That all applications for a ballot by mail ("ABBM") for voters who are voting by mail due to being over the age of 65 or due to disability will still be valid for the postponed election; and that ABBM for voters who submitted applications based on expected absence from the county will not be valid for the postponed election.

That the major relevant dates for the general election if held on November 3, 2020, include: the voter registration deadline shall be October 5, 2020; the deadline to submit an

application for ballot by mail shall be October 23, 2020; and the dates for early voting shall be October 19, 2020 – October 30, 2020.

That the major relevant dates for the general election if held on a date earlier than November 3, 2020, will be as follows, unless subsequent proclamation(s), order(s), or other forms of authorization from the Governor of the State of Texas provide alternate dates: the voter registration deadline shall be 30 days prior to the election day; the deadline to submit an application for a ballot by mail shall be 11 days prior to the election day; and the dates for early voting shall be the applicable period as set forth in Section 85.001 of the Texas Election Code.

That it is hereby officially found and determined that the meeting at which this resolution is passed is open to the public and that public notice of the time, place and purpose of said meeting was given as required by law.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 31st day of March, 2020.



Kyle Deaver, Mayor
City of Waco, Texas

ATTEST:

Esmeralda Hudson, City Secretary

APPROVED AS TO FORM & LEGALITY:

Jennifer Richie, City Attorney