


REPORT TO CITY COUNCIL

Approved by:



City Clerk



Arnoldo Rodriguez, City Manager

Council Meeting of: July 15, 2020

Agenda Number: B-8

SUBJECT:

Calling for and Giving Notice of the Holding of a General Municipal Election for the Election of Certain Municipal Officers of the City to be Held on November 3, 2020 for the Election of Council Members for Districts 2, 4, and 6, and the Mayor of the City of Madera Elected At-Large; and Requesting that the Madera County Clerk Render Specified Election Services

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt the resolution calling for and requesting consolidation of the City's general election with the Statewide election on November 3, 2020, for the election of Council Members for Districts 2, 4, and 6 and of the Mayor elected at-large and that the Madera County Clerk render specified election services.

SUMMARY:

The term of office for Members of the City Council elected to serve Districts 2, 4, and 6, and the Mayor's seat, are scheduled to expire the first Council meeting in December of this year. The resolution considered calls for and requests consolidation of the City's general election, with the statewide election to be held November 3, 2020, and that the Madera County Clerk conduct the election. Members of the City Council, including the Mayor, serve four-year terms.

DISCUSSION:

Pursuant to California Elections Code §10403, the City must file a resolution with the Madera County Board of Supervisors at least 88 days prior to the date of the election which is by August 7, 2020. The resolution requests that the Madera County Board of Supervisors authorize the consolidation of the City's general election with the statewide election to be held November 3, 2020 and that the Madera County Clerk conduct the election.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

The estimated cost for election services for the four Council seats is \$70,000. The amount is included in the adopted budget for Fiscal Year 2020/21.

CONSISTENCY WITH THE VISION MADERA 2025 PLAN:

Strategy 302 – District Representation: Establish district representation in Madera with a separate election process for Mayor.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Council may direct staff to not file a resolution with the Madera County Board of Supervisors which authorizes the consolidation of the City's General Election to be held November 3, 2020 and not authorize the Madera County Clerk to conduct the election.
2. Council may direct staff to hold a standalone General Municipal Election. However, note that holding a standalone election would result in the City experiencing significantly higher costs than what is being proposed.

ATTACHMENT:

1. Resolution

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MADERA, CALIFORNIA, CALLING FOR AND GIVING NOTICE OF THE HOLDING OF A GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION FOR THE ELECTION OF CERTAIN MUNICIPAL OFFICERS OF THE CITY OF MADERA FOR COUNCIL MEMBERS OF DISTRICTS 2, 4, AND 6, AND FOR THE ELECTION OF MAYOR AT-LARGE TO BE HELD IN THE CITY OF MADERA ON NOVEMBER 3, 2020 AS REQUIRED BY THE PROVISIONS OF THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA RELATING TO GENERAL LAW CITIES; REQUESTING CONSOLIDATION THEREOF WITH THE STATEWIDE ELECTION TO BE HELD ON THE SAME DATE; AND REQUESTING THAT THE MADERA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AUTHORIZE THE MADERA COUNTY CLERK TO RENDER SPECIFIED SERVICES TO THE CITY OF MADERA RELATING TO THE CONDUCT OF THE GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION

WHEREAS, under the provisions of the laws relating to general law cities in the State of California, a general municipal election shall be held on November 3, 2020 in the City of Madera, for the election of three members of the City Council to be elected by district for a term of four years for Council Districts 2, 4, and 6 and the election of the Mayor at-large for a term of four years; and

WHEREAS, Section 10002 of the Elections Code of the State of California provides that the governing body of the city may by resolution request the board of supervisors of the county to permit the county clerk to render specified services to the city relating to the conduct of elections; and

WHEREAS, the City Council desires to call such election and request its consolidation with the statewide election to be held on the same date and have the Madera County Clerk perform specified election services to the City of Madera.

NOW THEREFORE, THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MADERA, hereby resolves, determines, finds, and orders as follows:

1. Pursuant to the Elections Code of the State of California there is called and ordered held in the City of Madera, California, on Tuesday, November 3, 2020, a general municipal election of the qualified electors of the City of Madera for the election of three members of the City Council to be elected by district for a term of four years for Council Districts 2, 4, and 6 and for the election of the Mayor at-large for a term of four years.
2. The ballots to be used at the election shall be in such form and content as may be required by law to be used at the election.

3. Pursuant to Section 10002 of the Elections Code, the City requests the Board of Supervisors of the County of Madera to permit the Madera County Clerk to render specified services to the City relating to the election.
4. The Madera County Clerk is authorized and directed to do any and all things necessary in order to ensure the lawful conduct of the election.
5. In all particulars not recited in this resolution, the election shall be held and conducted as provided by law for holding elections in the City of Madera that are consolidated with any other election.
6. Notice of time and place of holding the election is given and the Madera County Clerk is authorized and directed to give such further or additional information in the time, form and manner as required by law in connection with the election.
7. Pursuant to Section 10403 of the Elections Code of the State of California, the Board of Supervisors of the County of Madera is hereby requested to consolidate the election referred to herein with the statewide election to be held on Tuesday, November 3, 2020.
8. For and in consideration of the election services rendered by the Madera County Clerk, the City of Madera agrees to pay to Madera County the proportionate share of reasonable expenses of said election, said share to consist of all direct costs as determined by the Madera County Clerk to be directly related to the conduct of the City of Madera's general municipal election together with the City's proportionate share of the expenses for election services rendered by Madera County that are being shared equally with other jurisdictions, if any, by virtue of the consolidation of the City's municipal election with elections being held by other jurisdictions, if any, in the City of Madera on November 3, 2020.

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