RESOLUTION 2020-02

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FAIR OAKS RANCH, TEXAS, CALLING FOR A GENERAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON MAY 02, 2020 FOR THE ELECTION OF CERTAIN CITY OFFICERS; PROVIDING PROCEDURES AND DEADLINES FOR THE FILING OF CANDIDATE APPLICATIONS TO BE PLACED ON THE BALLOT; FOR THE LOCATION AND TIME FOR EARLY VOTING; AUTHORIZING CONTRACTS WITH THE ELECTION ADMINISTRATOR OF BEXAR COUNTY, TEXAS TO CONDUCT THE ELECTIONS; AUTHORIZING THE ELECTIONS TO BE HELD AS A JOINT ELECTION; AND FOR NOTICE OF SAID ELECTIONS TO THE PUBLIC AS REQUIRED BY LAW

WHEREAS, the laws of the State of Texas provide that on May 2, 2020, there shall be a general election for municipal officers; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Fair Oaks Ranch is a Home Rule municipality located in Bexar County, Comal County and Kendall County, adopted as authorized by Article XI, Section 5, of the Texas Constitution; and

WHEREAS, Section 4.01 of the City’s Charter requires the City of Fair Oaks Ranch to conduct an election for city officers annually on an authorized uniform election date; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Chapter 3 of the Texas Election Code, the City Council of the City of Fair Oaks Ranch, Texas hereby calls for the above general election for municipal officers and hereby sets forth the procedures and requirements for the conduct of said election as prescribed by the Texas Election Code; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Chapter 271 of the Texas Election Code, the City will contract with the Bexar County Elections Administrator to conduct this election.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FAIR OAKS RANCH, TEXAS:

SECTION 1. The City of Fair Oaks Ranch hereby orders a Municipal General Election to be held on May 02, 2020, an authorized uniform election date, for the purpose of:

a. Electing a Council Member for Place(s) 2 and 6.
   i. The Council Member elected to Place(s) 2 and 6, shall serve a term of 3 years, with their terms terminating in 2023, or when their successors are duly elected;
   ii. That at said election each of the aforementioned named City Council positions shall be voted upon separately and that the candidate receiving the majority votes for each said City Council position shall be elected to that office;
   iii. That qualified persons desiring to be candidates in the aforementioned City Council Places shall file applications for candidacy with the City Secretary beginning at 8 AM on the 16th day of January and not later than 5:00 PM on the 14th day of February, 2020.

SECTION 2. All qualified voters of the City of Fair Oaks Ranch shall be entitled to vote in said election.
SECTION 3. The polling place for the holding of said election shall be at the City of Fair Oaks Ranch City Hall, in the Council Chambers, 7286 Dietz Elkhorn, City of Fair Oaks Ranch, Texas; and the entire City of Fair Oaks Ranch, Texas, for the purpose of holding said election shall be and constitute one Municipal election precinct.

SECTION 4. Early voting in said elections shall be conducted at the Fair Oaks Ranch City Hall, in the Council Chambers, 7286 Dietz Elkhorn, City of Fair Oaks Ranch, Texas commencing April 20 through April 28, 2020. The Bexar County Election Administrator is hereby charged with the duty of conducting early voting in said election, as required by law. Applications for ballot by mail shall be mailed to:

J. Callanen, Elections Administrator
Bexar County Elections
1103 S. Frio, Suite 100
San Antonio TX 78207

SECTION 5. Early voting by personal appearance will be conducted in the City Hall Council Chambers, 7286 Dietz Elkhorn, Fair Oaks Ranch, Texas on the following dates and times:

Mon. April 20 – Thu. April 23 .................................................. 8:00 AM to 6:00 PM
Fri. April 24 .................................................................................. Closed
Sat. April 25 .................................................................................. 8:00 AM to 6:00 PM
Sun. April 26 .................................................................................. Closed
Mon. April 27 – Tue. April 28 .................................................. 8:00 AM to 8:00 PM

SECTION 6. The polling place on Election Day shall be open from 7:00 AM to 7:00 PM.

SECTION 7. Pursuant to Section 61.012, Texas Election Code, as amended, the City shall provide at least one accessible voting system in each polling place used in the election. Such voting system shall comply with Texas and federal laws establishing the requirement for voting systems that permit voters with physical disabilities to cast a secret ballot. Touch screen machines may be used for early voting and Election Day voting by personal appearance. Certain early voting may be conducted by mail. The Elections Administrator shall also utilize a Central Counting Station (the "Station") as provided by Section 127.001, et seq., Texas Election Code, as amended. Bexar County Election Administrator Jacque Callanen, serving as the Elections Official Manager and Presiding Judge of the Stations, will appoint the Election Judges and Station Clerks for each Station location, and will establish a written plan for the orderly operation of the Station locations in accordance with the provisions of the Texas Election Code. The Elections Administrator will appoint the Tabulation Supervisors which will also serve as the Programmers for the Stations. Lastly, the Elections Administrator will publish notice and conduct testing on the automatic tabulation equipment relating to the Stations and conduct instruction for the officials and clerks for the Stations in accordance with the provisions of the Texas Election Code. Voting by Mail ballot and Provisional Voting shall be done on paper ballot.

SECTION 8. The City Secretary shall serve as the election officer of the May 02, 2020 General Election of the City of Fair Oaks Ranch as required and authorized by law.
SECTION 9. The City Secretary is hereby authorized and directed to post notice of said election, in both English and Spanish, on a bulletin board used for posting notices of the City Council meetings of the City of Fair Oaks Ranch at 7286 Dietz Elkhorn, City of Fair Oaks Ranch, Texas (the polling places for the holding of said election) not later than the twenty-first (21) day before Election Day. Said notice shall remain posted through the end of Election Day.

SECTION 10. The City Secretary is further authorized and directed to cause notice of said election to be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the City of Fair Oaks Ranch at least once, not earlier than the thirtieth (30th) day nor later than the tenth (10th) day before Election Day.

SECTION 11. The City Secretary shall send a copy of the notice of said election to the County Clerk and Voter Registrar of Bexar, Comal, and Kendall County no later than the 60th day before Election Day.

SECTION 12. The Council authorizes the City Manager to negotiate and enter into one or more joint election agreements with other governmental organizations in accordance with the provisions of the Texas Election Code in such form as shall be approved by the City Manager, or his/her designee, and the City Attorney.

SECTION 13. The Council authorizes the City Manager to negotiate and enter into contracts with the Elections Administrator to conduct the elections in accordance with the provisions of the Texas Election Code in such form as shall be approved by the City Manager and the City Attorney.

SECTION 14. If any provision of this Resolution or the application thereof to any person or circumstance shall be held to be invalid, the remainder of this Resolution and the application of such provision to other persons and circumstances shall nevertheless be valid, and this Council declares that this Resolution would have been enacted without such invalid provision.

APPROVED on this the 6th day of February, 2020.

Garry Manitzas, Mayor

Christina Picciocci, City Secretary

Denton Navarro Rocha Bernal & Zech, P.C., City Attorney