



To: Mayor & City Council

From: Vickey Raduechel, City Secretary

Date: May 9, 2024

Agenda Item: Discuss, consider, and take any necessary action regarding Approval of a Resolution ordering a runoff election to be held on Saturday, June 15, 2024, for the office of Council Member, Place 1 and providing for other matters related to the election.

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This item is presented to order the June 15, 2024 runoff election.

Overview and Background: The General Election was held on May 4, 2024 to elect Council Member, Place 1 and Council Member, Place 5. Candidates are elected by majority vote which means a candidate must receive more than 50% of the votes cast for that office. The unofficial election results of the May 4th election determined that, in the race for Council Member Place, 1, no candidate received a majority of the votes cast. The two candidates receiving the highest number of votes for the office of Council Member, Place 1 were Cinnamon Krauss and Codi Chinn. Per the Texas Elections Code, the order of the candidates' names on the runoff ballot is the same as the original ballot. The candidates' names will appear on the runoff ballot as follows:

Council Member, Place 1:

Cinnamon Krauss
Codi Chinn

The Early Voting Ballot Board (EVBB) will convene on Monday, May 13th to qualify and count any provisional ballots or ballots by mail. The City will receive the final tabulation of votes after the EVBB convenes on Monday, May 13th. The attached resolution will be updated with any changes, if needed.

The runoff election will be held Saturday, June 15, 2024, with Early Voting beginning June 3, 2024 and ending June 11, 2024. Fate City Hall is the only polling location.

Many of the same tasks and responsibilities of the General Election are required for a runoff election. The runoff election will be administered by the Rockwall County Elections Administrator, in accordance with the election services contract. The City carries 100% of the cost of the June 15th runoff election as there are no other governmental entities participating on the ballot. The estimated cost of the election is approximately \$17,000.

Supporting Documents:

- Resolution ordering the runoff election

RESOLUTION NO. R-2024-___

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FATE, TEXAS, ORDERING A RUNOFF ELECTION TO BE HELD ON SATURDAY, JUNE 15, 2024, FOR THE PURPOSE OF ELECTING ONE (1) COUNCIL MEMBER, (PLACE 1) TO THE FATE CITY COUNCIL; DESIGNATING THE POLLING PLACE; PROVIDING FOR NOTICE OF ELECTION; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 2.021 of the Election Code of the State of Texas, it is provided that if no candidate for a particular office receives the votes necessary to be elected in an election requiring a majority vote, a runoff election for that office is required; and

WHEREAS, a canvassing of the returns and declaring the results of the General Election held on May 4, 2024, was approved by the City Council on May 13, 2024; and

WHEREAS, the canvass determined that, in the race for Council Member Place 1, no candidate received a majority of the votes cast; and

WHEREAS, the two candidates receiving the highest number of votes for the office of Council Member, Place 1 were Cinnamon Krauss and Codi Chinn; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor has certified to the City Secretary the names of the candidates to be placed on the runoff ballot, attached hereto as Exhibit A.

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

SECTION 1: RUNOFF ELECTION ORDERED.

- A. A Runoff Election is hereby ordered to elect a qualified person, to hold office for a period of three years or until their successors are duly elected and qualified to the office in the governing body of the City of Fate, Texas:

COUNCIL MEMBER PLACE 1

The entire City of Fate, Texas shall constitute one (1) election precinct for the city's runoff election. Such election shall be on the 15th day of June, 2024, from 7:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m.

- B. Said election shall be held by the Rockwall County Elections Administrator pursuant to a Contract for Elections Services dated March 12, 2024, as approved by the City Council of the City of Fate, Texas and the Rockwall County Elections Administrator.

SECTION 2: ELECTION DAY POLLING PLACE AND ELECTION HOURS.

The Election Day polling place where qualified voters shall cast ballots at such location in the City of Fate, June 15, 2024 Runoff Election are as follows:

**Fate City Hall
Conference Room
1900 CD Boren Parkway
Fate, Texas 75087**

Election polls shall be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. on the date of the election (June 15, 2024).

SECTION 3: EARLY VOTING.

Early voting by personal appearance shall be held at the Main Early Voting location: Fate City Hall, Conference Room, 1900 CD Boren Parkway, Fate, Texas, on Monday, June 3, 2024 through Tuesday, June 11, 2024, during the hours listed below:

Monday, June 3, 2024 – 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Tuesday, June 4, 2024 – 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Wednesday, June 5, 2024 – 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Thursday, June 6, 2024 – 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Friday, June 7, 2024 – 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Monday, June 10, 2024 – 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Tuesday, June 11, 2024 – 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

For the purpose of processing ballots cast in early voting, the election officers for the early voting ballot board shall be appointed pursuant to the Contract for Election Services with the Rockwall County Elections Administrator for said election.

SECTION 4: EARLY VOTING CLERK.

Christopher Lynch (or his successor), Rockwall County Elections Administrator, is hereby appointed as Early Voting Clerk and may appoint additional deputy early voting clerks as necessary to properly conduct the Election.

Website: www.rockwallvotes.com

Email: elections@rockwallcountytexas.com

Telephone: 972-204-6200

Fax: 972-204-6209

Applications for a ballot by mail shall be delivered to the early voting clerk, Christopher Lynch, Rockwall County Elections Administrator, 915 Whitmore Drive, Suite D, Rockwall, Texas 75087. Applications for ballots by mail must be received no later than the close of business (5:00 p.m. (CST)) on Tuesday, June 4, 2024.

SECTION 5: ELECTION OFFICERS.

The election officers for each polling place shall be appointed and compensated pursuant to the Contract for Election Services with the Rockwall County Elections Administrator for said Runoff Election.

SECTION 6: VOTING SYSTEM.

Voting on the date of the Election and early voting shall be by the use of a lawfully approved voting system. The preparation of the voting equipment to be used in connection with such voting system and the official ballots for the Election shall conform to the Texas Election Code ("Code"), as amended. Said ballots shall have printed therein such provisions, markings, and language as may be required by law. The specific voting machines to be used shall be provided by Rockwall County in accordance with the Contract for Elections Services with the Rockwall County Elections Administrator.

SECTION 7: PUBLICATION AND POSTING NOTICE OF ELECTION

The City Secretary is hereby authorized and directed to publish and/or post, in the time and manner prescribed by law, all notices required to be so published and/or posted in connection with the conduct of this election.

SECTION 8: GOVERNING LAW

The election shall be held as set forth by the Charter and the Texas Election Code, and all resident registered voters of the City shall be eligible to vote in said Election. The Mayor and the City Secretary of the City, in consultation with the City Attorney, are hereby authorized and directed to take any and all actions necessary to comply with the provisions of the Texas Election Code and any other state or federal law in carrying out and conducting the election, whether or not expressly authorized herein.

SECTION 9. EFFECTIVE DATE.

This resolution shall take effect from and after its passage and approval.

DULY PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FATE, TEXAS on this 13th day of May, 2024.

APPROVED:

David Billings, Mayor Pro Tem

ATTEST:

Victoria Raduechel, TRMC
City Secretary

CERTIFICATION OF RUNOFF CANDIDATES

To the City Secretary:

I hereby certify that the office titles and names of candidates to be placed on the ballot for the runoff election to be held on June 15, 2024:

Council Member, Place 1

Cinnamon Krauss

Codi Chinn



A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'David Billings', written in black ink.

David Billings, Mayor