

RESOLUTION NO. R20-469

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PLAINVIEW, TEXAS, POSTPONING AND MOVING THE REGULAR MUNICIPAL ELECTION SCHEDULED FOR MAY 2, 2020 AND CALLING AND SETTING THE DATE FOR THE REGULAR MUNICIPAL ELECTION FOR NOVEMBER 3, 2020, A UNIFORM ELECTION DATE; CONFIRMING THAT ALL CANDIDATE FILINGS REMAIN VALID; CONFIRMING THAT ALL APPLICATIONS FOR BALLOT BY MAIL FOR VOTERS OVER 65 OR DUE TO A DISABILITY REMAIN VALID; DESIGNATING DISTRICTS AND POLLING PLACES; ESTABLISHING VOTER REGISTRATION DEADLINE; ESTABLISHING DEADLINE TO RECEIVE APPLICATIONS FOR BALLOTS BY MAIL; DESIGNATING EARLY VOTING DATES.

WHEREAS, the City of Plainview, Texas, is a home-rule municipal corporation and political subdivision of the State of Texas; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Plainview, previously called the for the regular municipal election to be held on May 2, 2020, through City of Plainview Resolution No. R20-461 approved on January 28, 2020; and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, the Governor of the State of Texas certified that the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) poses an imminent threat of disaster and declared a state of disaster for all counties in Texas;

WHEREAS, on March 18, 2020, the Governor of the State of Texas issued a proclamation suspending various state statutes in order to allow political subdivisions of the State of Texas who would otherwise be required to hold elections on May 2, 2020, to move their general and special elections to the next uniform election date which occurs on November 3, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the Texas Secretary of State issued, pursuant to the above referenced proclamation, Election Advisory 2020-12, to provide guidance to local political subdivisions regarding postponing the regular municipal election to November 3, 2020;

WHEREAS, in accordance with and pursuant to the proclamation issued by the Governor of the State of Texas and in order to slow the spread of COVID-19 virus by avoiding bringing people together such as voters, election officials and election volunteers, the City Council of the City of Plainview finds it to be in the best interest of the public health, safety and welfare to postpone the regular municipal election;

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

SECTION 1

Pursuant to the authority granted by the Governor of the State of Texas in his proclamation issued on March 18, 2020, the regular municipal election scheduled to be

held on May 2, 2020 by Resolution No. R20-461 is postponed to the next uniform election date of November 3, 2020.

SECTION 2

All properly filed and accepted candidate filings for the May 2, 2020 election will remain valid for the November 3, 2020 election.

SECTION 3

The filing period for candidates for the election of a mayor at-large and councilmembers for Districts 5, 6, and 7, the municipal is not reopened.

SECTION 4

All applications for ballots by mail for voters that are voting by mail due to being over the age of 65 or due to disability are still valid for the November 3, 2020 election and all applications for ballots by mail for voters based on expected absence from Hale County are no longer valid.

SECTION 5

Early voting by personal appearance will be conducted from October 19, 2020 and ending on October 30, 2020.

SECTION 6

The deadline for early voter registration is now October 5, 2020.

SECTION 7

The deadline to submit an application for a ballot by mail is now October 23, 2020.


SECTION 8

The City Council will, by subsequent action, further amend City of Plainview Resolution No. R20-461 to comply with state law regarding conducting the regular municipal election on November 3, 2020 including establishing early voting locations, hours of operation, executing joint election agreements.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 24th day of March, 2020.


Wendell Dunlap, Mayor

ATTEST:


Belinda Hinojosa, City Secretary