



City Council Agenda Item Summary Report

Meeting Date: February 18, 2020

Submitted by: Jon Thatcher, City Attorney

Consent	Public Hearing	Action Item X
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Item Title: Discuss and consider an Ordinance ordering a special election to be held on May 2, 2020, for the purpose of voting on the adoption or rejection of proposed amendments to the existing City Charter of the City of Forney, Texas; designating the places at which said election is to be held; appointing the early voting clerk; and providing for posting and publication of the election notice.

How this item ties-in with the City’s Mission, Vision and Values: A City Charter guides and directs the City to meet all aspects of its Vision and Mission Statement and uphold the Values of the City.

Summary Statement

The Forney Charter Commission began meeting in October upon receiving the charge from the City Council to review the City’s Charter and report to the City Council for consideration of any recommendations.

At the Council meeting held on January 7, 2020, Chairman Weldon Bowen and Vice Chairman Andy Parker presented the Charter Commission Final Report to the City Council for their review. The City Council asked that the item be placed on the agenda for January 21, 2020 to allow for review and consideration of the Commission’s report and subsequent action. At the Council meeting on the 21st, the City Council acted to direct staff to prepare an ordinance calling a special election including all propositions in the Charter Commission’s final report for their consideration at the meeting on February 18, 2020.

This agenda item is provided to order a Special Election to be held May 2, 2020 for the purpose of voting on the adoption or rejection of proposed amendments to the existing City Charter. The special election will be held jointly with the City’s General Election.

The City contracts with the Kaufman County Tax Assessor-Collector’s Office to administer the election. At a future Council meeting, the Council will consider an election agreement for election services for the special election.