



City of Woodland

REPORT TO MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL

AGENDA ITEM

TO: THE HONORABLE MAYOR
AND CITY COUNCIL

DATE: January 8, 2008

SUBJECT: Council Member Election, June 3, 2008

Report in Brief

Council elections are held every even numbered year and are consolidated with the County election process in June. As part of the initial process, Council considers and adopts a Resolution to call for such an election and ask the County Board of Supervisors to direct the Elections Office to so consolidate and conduct our election.

Staff recommends that the City Council adopt Resolution _____ calling an Election for June 3, 2008 to fill three vacancies on the City Council, request the Yolo County Board of Supervisors to consolidate the Election with the Statewide Primary and direct the County Election's Official to provide services in relation to the Election.

Background

The process for conducting Council elections has remained relatively static for the past several years. These elections are held during every even numbered year and are consolidated with the County which substantially lessens the cost to the individual Cities and the County to conduct elections. The first step in the process is to adopt a Resolution to call for the election and request the services of the County in conducting the consolidated election. In keeping with the required deadlines as per election law and the needs of the County Election's Office, the Board of Supervisors should take action at a meeting during January 2008 to so call for the election. The Board meeting dates in January are the 8th, 15th and 29th and they require at least two weeks advanced notice to place items on their Agenda.

Also of note is that the filing period for Council seats begins on February 11, 2008 and continues to March 7, 2008 and can be extended for new candidates to March 12, 2008 should incumbent Council Members choose not to file for re-election.

Fiscal Impact

The cost for consolidation of these elections usually runs between \$25,000 and \$35,000 and is dependent upon how many other jurisdictions and items are included in the election. The candidates also have a cost for filing and printing which is paid to the County of Yolo. The City has no charges to candidates.

Public Contact

The Resolution is published in the newspaper as well as the normal Agenda noticing requirements. A Notice of Election will also be posted in the newspaper to provide notice to any citizens wishing to run for Council.

Recommendation for Action

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Prepared by: Sue Vannucci, Director of
Administrative Services and City Clerk

Mark G. Deven
City Manager

Attachment: Resolution

RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WOODLAND CALLING AN ELECTION FOR JUNE 3, 2008 REQUESTING THE COUNTY OF YOLO TO CONSOLIDATE THE ELECTION WITH THE STATEWIDE PRIMARY ELECTION AND TO PROVIDE SERVICES RELATING TO THE ELECTION

WHEREAS, the City Council has determined that an Election shall be called for June 3, 2008, for the purpose of electing City Council Members for three vacant positions; and,

WHEREAS, the City Council has determined that the Election shall be consolidated with the Statewide Primary Election of the County of Yolo and the State of California to be held on that same date; and,

WHEREAS, the City requests the Board of Supervisors of the County of Yolo to direct the County Elections Official to render services to the City relating to the conduct of an election;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Woodland:

1. An Election is hereby called and shall be conducted in the City of Woodland on June 3, 2008.
2. Pursuant to Elections Code Section 10403, the City Council requests the Yolo County Board of Supervisors to order the Election to be consolidated with the Statewide Primary Election to be held on that same date.
3. Pursuant to Elections Code Section 10002, the City requests the Yolo County Board of Supervisors to direct the County Elections Official to provide to the City those services necessary to implement and conduct the Election and to consolidate it with the Statewide Primary Election. Pursuant to said Section, the City shall be responsible for the cost of such Election.
4. Pursuant to Elections Code Section 9222, the following is hereby submitted to the qualified electorate of the City of Woodland:

Three Members of the City Council (full term of four years)

PASSED AND ADOPTED this ____ day of _____, 2008 by the following vote:

AYES:
NOES:
ABSENT:
ABSTAIN:

David M. Flory, Mayor

ATTEST:

Susan L. Vannucci, Director of
Administrative Services and City Clerk

Approved as to Form:

Ann M. Siprelle
City Attorney