

AGENDA ITEM #: _____

DATE: August 29, 2016

COAC #: 16-5872

**CITY OF GOODYEAR
CITY COUNCIL ACTION FORM**

**SUBJECT: Adopt Resolution No. 16-1770
providing Notice of the Primary/General
Election Dates for 2017 Council Election**

STAFF PRESENTER: Maureen Scott, City
Clerk

CASE NUMBER: N/A

OTHER PRESENTER: N/A

RECOMMENDATION:

ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 16-1770, PROVIDING NOTICE OF THE MARCH 14, 2017 PRIMARY AND THE MAY 16, 2017 GENERAL ELECTIONS.

PURPOSE:

The term of Mayor and three Councilmembers will expire in June of 2017. The resolution is to announce the upcoming spring 2017 elections in the city of Goodyear for the March 14, 2017 Primary Election and, if necessary, the May 16, 2017 General Election.

BACKGROUND AND PREVIOUS ACTIONS:

In 1996 the Legislature passed an Election Consolidation Bill which requires all elections in the State to be held on consolidated dates; March, May, August, and November.

Although we are no longer required by state law to adopt or publish either a call or notice of election, a Call of Election remains a good way to inform the public about the election and related filing dates. Adoption of Resolution 16-1770 will provide for publishing the Call of Election in the Arizona Republic Southwest section for two consecutive weeks September 14 and September 21, 2016. A notice of the election announcing the availability of candidate packets will be published in the September *In Focus*. The information is also available on the city website.

The Call of Election lists the dates for holding the Primary and General Elections; offices to be filled; candidate packet distribution and the deadline for filing of nomination petitions.

The term of Mayor and three Councilmembers will expire in June 2017. Any candidate receiving a majority of all the votes cast at the Primary Election will be declared elected without running in the General Election which will be held on May 16, 2017, if necessary.

CURRENT POLICY:

On November 03, 2008, Council adopted Resolution 08-1270 authorizing the City Clerk to conduct all-mail ballot elections as long as the county does not have an election. At this time, the county doesn't foresee any items on the ballot. Therefore, the city of Goodyear can proceed

with the all-mail ballot process. However, if the county does add an item to the ballot, then the March election will be a traditional election with polling locations.

As of August 10, 2016, there were 38,649 registered voters in Goodyear, with 27,666 who are registered on the Permanent Early Voting List (PEVL).

STAFF ANALYSIS:

N/A

FISCAL ANALYSIS:

It is difficult to determine the cost of the election as there are several variables. The cost per registered voter for the all-mail ballot is \$2.12. Currently there are 38,649 registered voters in Goodyear. The city pays this fee whether or not the voter actually votes. Again, we incur the cost whether or not the voter returns the ballot as a vote cast. The total cost for the Primary 2017 Election would be approximately \$81,935. The cost of the General Election, if necessary, would be approximately the same as the Primary. The City Council approved a supplemental in the FY17 budget for \$170,700 to cover the expenses for the Primary Election and a General Election if necessary.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Resolution No. 16-1770
2. Call of Election Notice

RESOLUTION NO. 16-1770

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GOODYEAR, MARICOPA COUNTY, ARIZONA, PROVIDING NOTICE OF THE MARCH 14, 2017 PRIMARY AND THE MAY 16, 2017 GENERAL ELECTIONS.

WHEREAS, it is provided by law for the holding of a Primary/General Election; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council has by Resolution called a Primary/General Election to be held on March 14, 2017 and May 16, 2017 respectively; and

WHEREAS, the terms of Mayor and three councilmembers will expire in June 2017;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GOODYEAR, MARICOPA COUNTY, ARIZONA, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. That the city of Goodyear Primary Election be held on Tuesday, March 14, 2017 for the purpose of nominating/electing candidates for the offices of Mayor and three Councilmember seats. (Any candidate receiving a majority of all of the votes cast at the Primary Election will be declared elected without running at the General Election, which will be held on May 16, 2017, if necessary).

SECTION 2. That said Election is held pursuant to the provisions of the applicable Statutes, Charter provisions, Ordinances and Resolutions of the city.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Mayor and Council of the city of Goodyear, Maricopa County, Arizona, this _____ day of _____, 20_____.

Georgia Lord, Mayor

Date: _____

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Maureen Scott, City Clerk

Roric Massey, City Attorney

CERTIFICATION OF RECORDING OFFICER

STATE OF ARIZONA)
) ss.
County of Maricopa)

I, the undersigned Maureen Scott, being the duly appointed, qualified City Clerk of the city of Goodyear, Maricopa County, Arizona, certify that the foregoing Resolution No. 16-1770 is a true, correct and accurate copy of Resolution No. 16-1770, passed and adopted at a regular meeting of the Council of the city of Goodyear, Maricopa County, Arizona, held on the _____ day of _____, 20____, at which a quorum was present and, by a _____ vote, _____ voted in favor of said resolution.

Given under my hand and sealed this _____ day of _____, 20____.

seal

City Clerk

PUBLIC NOTICE OF CITY OF GOODYEAR, ARIZONA
CALL OF ELECTION

Notice is hereby given that the city of Goodyear will hold all mail elections as follows:

Primary Election: March 14, 2017

General Election: May 16, 2017

OFFICES TO BE FILLED: **Mayor and Three Council Seats**

Candidate Packets are available at: Office of City Clerk
190 N. Litchfield Road
Goodyear, AZ 85338
Call 623-882-7830 to schedule an appointment

First day to submit Nomination Petitions: November 14, 2016

Candidate Packet Filing Deadline: 5:00 p.m. December 14, 2016

Voter Registration Deadline for this election: February 13, 2017

Maureen Scott, MMC

City Clerk

Date