

City Council Agenda Summary Sheet (Non Purchases)

Agenda No: 2004-1211 – Election Consolidation Act
Date: December 2, 2004
Prepared By: Bev Jasinski, City Clerk, CMC
City File No: N/A

Meeting Date: December 8, 2004

PURPOSE:

A Request for City Council to consider a resolution to allow the City to continue holding its primary election in September of odd years.

DISCUSSION:

On January 1, 2005 Governor Jennifer Granholm signed into law a nine-bill package known as “Election Consolidation Law” which includes amendments to the Michigan Election Law. As part of this package, HB 4824, Sec 6.42.42a speaks to the establishment of Regular City Election and City Primary dates. A city, such as the City of Rochester Hills, that currently fills its elective offices at the odd-year November general election must continue to hold its regular election on that date. In addition, a city that currently conducts its primary elections in September may continue to hold a September primary on that date. However, to preserve the September primary, Council must adopt such a resolution by December 31, 2004 indicating their desire to continue holding a September Primary. If Council opts not to adopt a resolution, the City will then have to conduct its primary election on the odd-year August election date.

Prior to the consideration of the Resolution, Council is required to conduct a public hearing to obtain public comment on this issue. Public Notice has been published in the Thursday, December 2, 2004 edition of the *Rochester Eccentric*, posted in City Hall, posted to the City’s Web Page, and placed on the City’s Cable Channel. A copy of the notice has been provided for your information. Upon conclusion of the Public Hearing, if Council wishes to continue holding the Primary Election in September, it will need to adopt by roll call vote the proposed resolution.

FISCAL INFORMATION:

N/A

RECOMMENDATION:

Adoption of the proposed Resolution to preserve the City’s right to conduct a primary on the Tuesday following the second Monday in September of odd-numbered years.

Department Authorization: Bev Jasinski, City Clerk, CMC

Reviewed by:

Fiscal: *Jean Farris*

Clerks: *Susan Koliba-Galeczka*

Approved by: *Pat Somerville*

RESOLUTION

NEXT AGENDA ITEM

RETURN TO AGENDA