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Recommendation for Council Action

Austin City Council	Item ID	10734	Agenda Number	2.
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Meeting Date:	11/3/2011	Department:	City Clerk's Office
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Subject

Approve a May 2012 general election runoff date of June 23, June 30, or July 7 for purposes of finalizing the May 2012 election calendar.

Amount and Source of Funding

No fiscal impact.

Fiscal Note

Purchasing Language:

Prior Council Action:

For More Information: Shirley Gentry, 974-2210

Boards and
Commission Action:

MBE / WBE:

Related Items:

Additional Backup Information

On November 3, the Council is going to discuss options for the 2012 election calendar and vote to select a runoff date. Below is relevant information concerning state laws on when events must occur.

- The uniform Election Day of May 12, 2012 is set by State law.
- The Texas Election Code (Section 67.003) sets the time for the canvass as not earlier than the eighth day or later than the 11th day after Election Day.
- The Texas Election Code (Section 2.025) sets the time for the runoff to be held not earlier than the 20th but no later than the 45th day after the final canvass of the general election is completed.

Typically the OCC has all the paperwork ready for the canvass the day after we get the results from the County. Council has chosen to do the inauguration in the evening on the same day as the canvass. The chart shows options for the canvasses, the runoff and the inauguration. Once Council votes, the approved dates will be published in the Candidate's Packet which is due on November 11, 2011 per City Code.

If Council delayed the general election canvass one day to May 23, then they have one additional option for the runoff date.

Election Day	Receive Election Results	Canvass General Election	Runoff	Receive Runoff Results	Canvass runoff in morning; Inauguration in evening
Saturday May 12, 2012	Monday May 21	Tuesday May 22	Saturday June 23	Monday July 2	Tuesday July 3
		Tuesday May 22	Saturday June 30	Monday July 9	Tuesday July 10
		Wednesday May 23	Saturday July 7	Monday July 16	Tuesday July 17