



AGENDA
WATAUGA CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING
THURSDAY, AUGUST 15, 2019
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBER, 7105 WHITLEY ROAD
6:30 PM

This notice is posted pursuant to the Texas Open Meetings Act. Notice is hereby given that a **Special City Council Meeting** of the City of Watauga, Texas will be held at which time the following subjects will be discussed and may be acted upon.

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

INVOCATION

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE United States and Texas Flags

ACTION ITEMS

1. Discuss and consider action on an ordinance of the City of Watauga, Texas ordering a special election to be held on November 5, 2019 for the purpose of submitting to the qualified voters, for adoption or rejection, certain proposed amendments to the existing Charter of the City of Watauga, Texas; stating the subject matter of the proposed amendments; providing for a joint election; establishing election precincts, precinct polling places and early polling places for such election; making provisions for the conduct of the election; providing for the approval of such amendment or amendments upon a majority of the vote; providing a method for adoption of same.

ITEMS FOR FUTURE COUNCIL MEETINGS

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The City Council may announce that it will adjourn the public meeting and convene in Executive Session pursuant to Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code to discuss any matter as specifically listed on this agenda and/or as permitted by Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code.

The City Council will convene in executive session pursuant to (Texas Open Meetings Act), Chapter 551 of Texas Government Code, Section 551.071 Consultation with City Attorney, which allows the following:

ITEMS OF EXECUTIVE SESSION DELIBERATION:

1. Possible amendments to the City Charter in accordance with Texas Local Government Code Chapter 9 and other related laws

RECONVENE

The City Council will return to open session in the City Council Chamber for possible discussion and action as a result of the Executive Session as follows:

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting Notices and Reservation of Rights

The City Council may retire to executive session any time between the meeting's opening and adjournment for the purpose of consultation with legal counsel pursuant to Chapter 551.071 of the Texas Government Code; discussion of personnel matters pursuant to Chapter 551.074 of the Texas Government Code if the requisite information is otherwise posted; deliberation regarding real property pursuant to Chapter 551.072 of the Texas Government Code; deliberation regarding economic development negotiations pursuant to Chapter 551.087 of the Texas Government Code; and/or deliberation regarding the deployment, or specific occasions for implementation of security personnel or devices pursuant to Chapter 551.076 of the Texas Government Code (as applicable) when determined necessary by the to address a subject matter on the agenda. Action, if any, will be taken in open session.

This agenda has been reviewed and approved by the City's legal counsel and the presence of any subject in any Executive Session portion of the agenda constitutes a written interpretation of Texas Government Code Chapter 551 by legal counsel for the governmental body and constitutes an opinion by the attorney that the items discussed therein may be legally discussed in the closed portion of the meeting considering available opinions of a court of record and opinions of the Texas Attorney General known to the attorney. This provision has been added to this agenda with the intent to meet all elements necessary to satisfy Texas Government Code Chapter 551.144(c) and the meeting is conducted by all participants in reliance on this opinion.

Attendance by Other Elected or Appointed Officials: It is anticipated that members of other governmental bodies, and/or city council, boards, commissions and/or committees may attend the meeting in numbers that may constitute a quorum of the body, board, commission and/or committee. Notice is hereby given that the meeting, to the extent required by law, is also noticed as a possible meeting of the other body, board, commission and/or committee, whose members may be in attendance, if such numbers constitute a quorum. The members of the city council, boards, commissions and/or committees may be permitted to participate in discussions on the same items listed on the agenda, which occur at the meeting, but no action will be taken by such in attendance unless such item and action is specifically provided for on an agenda for that city council, body, board, commission or committee subject to the Texas Open Meetings Act.

NOTICE

THIS FACILITY IS WHEELCHAIR ACCESSIBLE AND ACCESSIBLE PARKING SPACES ARE AVAILABLE. REQUESTS FOR ACCOMMODATIONS OR INTERPRETIVE SERVICES MUST BE MADE 48 HOURS PRIOR TO THIS MEETING. PLEASE CONTACT THE CITY SECRETARY'S OFFICE AT (817) 514-5825, OR FAX (817) 514-3625.

I, Andrea Gardner, City Secretary for the City of Watauga, hereby certify that this agenda was posted on the bulletin boards at City Hall, 7105 Whitley Road, Watauga, Texas, on Monday, August 12, 2019, before 6:30 p.m., in accordance with Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code.



Andrea Gardner, City Secretary





AGENDA MEMORANDUM

DATE: August 12, 2019

TO: Honorable City Council Members

FROM: George Hyde, Legal

SUBJECT: Discuss and consider action on an ordinance of the City of Watauga, Texas ordering a special election to be held on November 5, 2019 for the purpose of submitting to the qualified voters, for adoption or rejection, certain proposed amendments to the existing Charter of the City of Watauga, Texas; stating the subject matter of the proposed amendments; providing for a joint election; establishing election precincts, precinct polling places and early polling places for such election; making provisions for the conduct of the election; providing for the approval of such amendment or amendments upon a majority of the vote; providing a method for adoption of same.

BACKGROUND/INFORMATION:

A number of Charter related matters have presented over the past several years that require discussion and possible action of the City Council. Some items include the Charter currently includes language referencing both voting by plurality and majority vote, proper references to state and federal statutes and many Scribner errors.

The Charter recommended edits as prepared by the Interim City Attorney are attached for Council review.

The proposed ordinance associated with calling a Charter Election is also attached as prepared by the Interim City Attorney for Council review.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

RECOMMENDATION/ACTION DESIRED:

City staff recommends the City Council accept the legal advice from the City Attorney and approve Ordinance No. 2019-010 ordering a special election to be held on November 5, 2019 for the purposes of submitting to the qualified votes, for adoption or rejection, certain proposed amendments to the existing Charter of the City of Watauga, Texas.



AGENDA MEMORANDUM

ATTACHMENTS/ SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION:

1. 2019.08.12 Charter Election Ordinance
2. 2019.08.12 Charter Revised Blackline

REVIEWED BY:

Tara Rogers, Deputy City Secretary

George Hyde, Legal

Andrea Gardner, City Manager

Approved as to form for inclusion on Agenda

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