

**ST. PETERSBURG CITY COUNCIL**

**Consent Agenda**

**Meeting of April 16, 2009**

TO: The Honorable Jeff Danner, Chair, and Members of City Council

SUBJECT: Calling Primary Election for the Tuesday in September which is nine weeks prior to the General Municipal Election.

EXPLANATION:

The City Charter requires the City Council to call, by resolution, the Primary Election the Tuesday in September which is nine weeks prior to the General Municipal Election. The attached resolution (A) calls the Primary Election for Tuesday, September 1, 2009.

The City Charter also requires the City Council meet as the Canvassing Board to canvass election returns no later than one week after final results are provided to the City Clerk by the Supervisor of Elections. The second attached resolution (B) sets Thursday, September 10, 2009 as the date to canvass the election returns from the Primary Election and designates the Pinellas County Supervisor of Elections as the person to open and count the absentee ballots from the Primary and General Elections. This will be done in coordination with the City's Canvassing Board and the City Clerk.

COST/FUNDING INFORMATION:

Funds for conducting the Primary and General Elections are available in the City Clerk Department FY09 and FY10 Operating Budgets.

ATTACHMENTS: Resolutions (2)

APPROVALS:

Administration: .....Tish Elston..... 4/3/09.....

Budget: .....Brad Feuto.....

A RESOLUTION CALLING PRIMARY ELECTION FOR THE TUESDAY IN SEPTEMBER, 2009 WHICH IS NINE WEEKS PRIOR TO THE GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION, AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, The City Charter provides that on the Tuesday in September which is nine weeks preceding each General Election there shall be held a non-partisan election for the nomination of candidates for Mayor and Council Members in said City, which Primary Election shall be called by the City Council by proper resolution, notice of which shall be published in said City, and the last publication shall appear at least ten days prior to the date of holding said Primary; and

WHEREAS, The City Charter provides that a General Municipal Election shall be held on the first Tuesday following the first Monday in November of each odd-numbered year; and

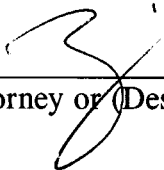
WHEREAS, By City ordinance and Charter this election shall be for the election of Mayor and Council Members for Districts 2, 4, 5, 6 and 8, as defined by said Charter.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED By the City Council of the City of St. Petersburg, Florida, that a non-partisan Primary Election for the nomination of candidates for Mayor and Council Members for Districts 2, 4, 5, 6 and 8, as defined by said Charter, be held and the same is hereby called for September 1, 2009.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED That notice of said election be published for the time and in the manner provided by the Charter and that said Primary Election be held in the manner provided by law.

This resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.

Approved as to form and content

  
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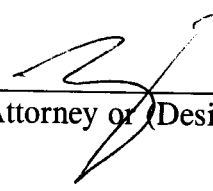
SETTING THE DATE FOR CANVASSING  
ELECTION RETURNS AND DESIGNATING  
PERSON TO COUNT ABSENTEE BALLOTS;  
AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

BE IT RESOLVED By the City Council of the City of St. Petersburg, Florida that the returns of the Primary Election to be held on September 1, 2009, be canvassed at a regular session on September 10, 2009, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED That the Pinellas County Supervisor of Elections be designated as the person to open and to count the absentee ballots from the Primary Election to be held on September 1, 2009, and that the City Clerk report the results to the Canvassing Board on September 10, 2009.

This resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.

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