

One-reading Ordinance ordering a runoff election to be held on December 14, 2024 in the City of Corpus Christi for the election of Mayor and Council Member District One and Council Member District Four, designating polling place locations, enacting provisions incident and relating to the subject and purpose of this ordinance.

Whereas, the City Council of the City of Corpus Christi, by Ordinance No. 033425 on August 13, 2024, ordered and called a General Election for the election of Mayor and eight Council Members to be held on November 5, 2024;

WHEREAS, Ordinance 033425 enacted provisions incident to and relating to said General Election;

WHEREAS, the official canvass of said election reveals that none of the candidates for the offices of Mayor, Council Member District One, and Council Member District Four received the number of votes required for election; and

WHEREAS, the runoff election has been scheduled for December 14, 2024;

WHEREAS, the City has entered into a contract for Election Services with the Nueces County Clerk pursuant to Contract No. 2024-147 filed of record with the Office of the City Secretary; and

WHEREAS, the County Clerk’s Office has notified the City Secretary that the earliest it could begin early voting is December 2, 2024, which is the earliest date practicable in accordance with Texas Election Code 85.001(d);

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CORPUS CHRISTI, TEXAS, THAT:

SECTION 1. A runoff election for the offices of Mayor and Council Member Districts One and Four shall be held December 14, 2024, with the names of the following candidates for the respective office as follows:

- Mayor: Paulette Guajardo
Michael Hunter
- Council Member District One: Everett Roy
Billy Lerma
- Council Member District Four: Kaylynn Paxson
May Nardone Mendoza

SECTION 2. That at said election herein ordered, all qualified voters of the City of Corpus Christi eligible to vote in the runoff election shall be permitted to vote as provided by law.

SECTION 3. The names of candidates for said offices shall be placed on said ballot in the manner and form prescribed by law.

SECTION 4. The proper direct recording equipment shall be used at the election in accordance with Texas Election Code.

SECTION 5. The election shall be held at the polling places in the regularly prescribed precincts of the City of Corpus Christi, as set forth on Attachment A hereto incorporated by reference and made part of this ordinance. The election shall be held in accordance with the election laws of the State of Texas and in accordance with ordinance of the City Council. Nueces County participates in the Countywide Polling Place Program under Election Code Section 43.007 as amended, meaning that any qualified registered voter of the City of Corpus Christi can vote in the election at any polling place identified in Attachment A. The polls shall be open from 7:00 am to 7:00 p.m. on the day of the election.

SECTION 6. The City Secretary shall conduct the election as directed by Ordinance of the City Council and by law.

SECTION 7. Early voting for the election in person will begin on the earliest date practicable in accordance with Texas Election Code 85.001(d) on December 2, 2024, may be conducted at the times and locations of the temporary branch polling places set forth on Attachment B to this Ordinance hereto incorporated by reference and made part of this ordinance. The City Secretary is authorized, in the event of an emergency, preventing any of the designated polling places from being utilized, to provide for suitable replacement locations.

SECTION 8. The City Secretary is directed to post and publish such election notices as are required by the Election Laws of the State of Texas. The City Secretary is further appointed as the authority and officer responsible for the conduct of said election and is hereby authorized and directed to make all necessary arrangements for the holding of said election in accordance with and subject to the laws of this State including but not limited to coordinating the election process, tabulation equipment, and supplies in accordance with the election agreement to be executed with Nueces County. The City Secretary is authorized to approve all lawful changes and additions to the procedures provided herein in order to implement such agreement, including, but not limited to provisions for substations.

SECTION 9. By approving and signing this ordinance, the Mayor officially confirms as her action all matters recited in this ordinance which by law come within jurisdiction.

SECTION 10. If for any reason any section, paragraph, subdivision, clause, phrase, word, or provision of this ordinance shall be held invalid or unconstitutional by final judgment of a court of competent jurisdiction, it shall not affect any other section, paragraph, subdivision, clause, phrase, work, or provision of this ordinance, for it is the definite intent of this City Council that every section, paragraph, subdivision, clause, phrase, word, or provision hereof be given full force and effect for its purpose.

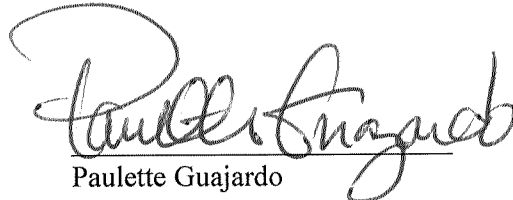
SECTION 11. The fact that it is necessary and essential that the governing body of the City of Corpus Christi order the runoff election, that the notice of such election should be promptly posted and published, that the City runoff election shall be held on December 14, 2024, and immediate action is necessary for the efficient and effective administration of the city's affairs, creates a public emergency and an imperative public necessity requiring the suspension of the Charter rule that no ordinance shall be passed finally on the date of its introduction but that such ordinances shall be read on emergency reading. The City Council hereby (1) finds that such emergency and necessity do exist due to the need for immediate action necessary for the efficient and effective administration of the City's runoff election and (2) suspends the Charter rule that requires consideration of and voting upon ordinances at two regular meetings so that this ordinance is passed and takes effect upon first reading as an emergency measure on this 19th day of November, 2024.

TO THE MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL
Corpus Christi, Texas

For the reasons set forth in the emergency clause of the foregoing ordinance, state law supersedes the Charter rule as to consideration and voting upon ordinances at two regular meetings: I/we, therefore, request that you suspend said Charter rule and pass this ordinance finally on the date it is introduced or at the present meeting of the City Council.

Respectfully,

Respectfully,


Paulette Guajardo
Mayor

Council Members

The above ordinance was passed by the following vote:

Paulette Guajardo	<u> Aye </u>
Roland Barrera	<u> Aye </u>
Sylvia Campos	<u> Aye </u>
Gil Hernandez	<u> Aye </u>
Michael Hunter	<u> Aye </u>
Jim Klein	<u> Aye </u>
Mike Pusley	<u> Aye </u>
Everett Roy	<u> Aye </u>
Dan Suckley	<u> Absent </u>

Introduced and voted on the 19th day of November, 2024.

PASSED and APPROVED on the 19th day of November, 2024.

ATTEST:


Rebecca Huerta, City Secretary

ATTACHMENT A

**Election Day Polling Places
December 14, 2024, 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.**

Hilltop Community Center, 11425 Leopard St.
City Hall, 1201 Leopard St.
Calallen ISD Administration, 4205 Wildcat Dr.
Deaf & Hard of Hearing Center, 5151 McArdle Rd.
Greenwood Senior Center, 4040 Greenwood Dr.
Carroll High School OLD campus, 5301 Weber Rd.
West Oso Old Admin. Bldg, 5050 Rockford Dr.
Carroll High School NEW campus, 3202 Saratoga Blvd.
Ethel Eyerly Senior Center, 654 Graham Rd.
Garden Senior Center, 5325 Greely Dr.
Island Presbyterian Church, 14030 Fortuna Bay Dr.
Adkins Middle School, 2402 Ennis Joslin Dr.
Veterans Memorial High School, 3750 Cimarron Blvd.
Grant Middle School, 4350 Aaron Dr.
Del Mar Oso Creek Campus, 7002 Yorktown Blvd.

ATTACHMENT B

Early voting begins Monday, December 2, 2024 and ends Tuesday, December 10, 2024

Early Voting Clerk: Nueces County Clerk Kara Sands

Early Voting Clerk’s mailing address:

Kara Sands, Nueces County Clerk
ATTN: Elections Division
P.O. Box 2627
Corpus Christi, TX 78403

Nueces County Clerk website

<https://www.nuecesco.com/county-services/county-clerk/elections-department>

Main Early Voting Location

Nueces County Courthouse
1st Floor Atrium
901 Leopard Street
Corpus Christi, TX 78401

Dates:

Times:

Monday, December 2 – Friday, December 6, 2024

8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Monday, December 9 – Tuesday, December 10, 2024

7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Branch Polling Locations

Monday, December 2 – Friday, December 6, 2024

8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Monday, December 9 – Tuesday, December 10, 2024

7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

- Hilltop Community Center, 11425 Leopard St.
- City Hall, 1201 Leopard St.
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