



Agenda Item Report

Legislative Board: City Council
Date: August 4, 2026
Contact: Alicia Ramirez, City Clerk
Agenda Item ID / Number: 2026-625- / J.5

ITEM TITLE: Deliberation and possible action to adopt an Ordinance on first and final reading and to adopt said Ordinance ordering a Special Election to be held in the City of Buda, Texas, on Tuesday, November 3, 2026, for the purposes of electing one Councilmember for an unexpired term in Position 1 At-Large, establishing an early voting location and polling place for this election; making provisions for the conduct said election; and providing for a runoff election in the City of Buda (City Clerk Alicia Ramirez) [PUBLIC TESTIMONY]

1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

A Special Election will be held on November 3, 2026, to elect one Councilmember for the unexpired term in Position 1 At-Large to be vacated by Councilmember Matt Smith.

2. BACKGROUND/HISTORY

The Ordinance ordering the Special Election to elect one Council Member for the unexpired term in Position 1 At-Large is a routine action required by the election code 3.005(a) to set the date of the election and place for early voting.

The last possible date to order this election is Monday, August 17, 2026, which is also the candidate filing deadline.

3. ANALYSIS

The Special Election will be conducted concurrently with the General Election.

The city contracts with Hays County to conduct the election. The Commissioner's Court votes on the early voting schedule and polling locations. In November elections, the city uses county precincts and polling places.

4. FINANCIAL IMPACT

The costs of the election will coincide with the general election.

5. STRATEGIC PLAN/GOALS

OTHER

6. STRATEGIC PLAN OBJECTIVES

Other

7. PROS AND CONS

N/A

8. ALTERNATIVES

N/A

9. REQUESTED ACTION / SUGGESTED MOTION / RECOMMENDATION

Staff request consideration by Council to adopt the ordinance calling for the special election.

Attachments:

[k5 2026-R-28 Order SP Pos1At-Large ORD.pdf](#)