



Staff Report

AGENDA ITEM REPORT

DATE: January 26, 2026

SUBMITTED BY: Kaylee Koudela, Administration

ITEM TYPE: Ordinances

AGENDA SECTION: CONSIDERATION OF AND ACTION ON

SUBJECT: Ordinance 2026-03 Authorizing and Calling a General City Election for (3) At Large Positions on May 2, 2026; Ordenanza 2026-03 Autorizar y convocar una elección municipal general para (3) posiciones generales el 2 de mayo de 2026

BACKGROUND: The proposed ordinance calls for a General City Election to be held on Saturday, May 2, 2026, in accordance with the Texas Election Code, to be conducted as a joint election with the Wharton County Elections Department (WCED) pursuant to the Joint Election Agreement and the Election Service Contract approved by City Council on January 12, 2026.

The purpose of the election is to elect three (3) at-large City Council members to serve terms from May 2026 through May 2028, as provided by the City Charter and applicable state law. Under the terms of the joint election, WCED will administer the election, including early voting, election day voting, polling locations, and other election-related services, as required by state law.

Adoption of the ordinance is necessary to meet statutory deadlines for ordering the election and to authorize the City's participation in the joint election. Approval will allow staff to proceed with required coordination and election preparations with the Wharton County Elections Department for the May 2, 2026, General City Election.

SUGGESTED ACTION:

ATTACHMENTS:

[Ordinance 2026-03 Calling a General Election May 2, 2026 - 3 At Large Positions.pdf](#)

[Ordinance 2026-03 SPANISH Calling a General Election May 2, 2026 - 3 At Large Positions.pdf](#)