

**IMPACT STATEMENT**

**Legislation title:** Call Special Elections to fill the unexpired term of Commissioner, Position No. 2, on May 19, 2020 and, if necessary, August 11, 2020. (Resolution)

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**Purpose of proposed legislation and background information:**

- To call a special election to fill the unexpired term of Commissioner, Position No. 2, after the death of City Commissioner Nick Fish on January 2, 2020.
- City Charter provides the special election shall be held within 90 after the vacancy occurs, unless Council finds reasonable cause for delay. There are several factors that constitute reasonable cause for delay including voter confusion, practical difficulties, increased costs, tight filing deadlines for candidates, and minimal impairment to City business.
- City Charter also provides that the runoff election shall be held within 45 days after the nominating election, unless Council finds reasonable cause for delay. Reasonable factors for delay include practical difficulties, two national holidays during the 45-day period, and allowing sufficient time should a recount be required.

**Financial and budgetary impacts:**

- Delaying the nominating election to the date of the primary election will save the money that would otherwise be required for a separate Special Election. However, if a second election is necessary on August 11, 2020 the cost will be substantial and could approach \$500,000.

**Community impacts and community involvement:**

- The community will be involved in the election. Delaying the nominating election by 48 days until the primary is expected to have minimal impairment on City business.

**Budgetary Impact Worksheet****Does this action change appropriations?**

**YES:** Please complete the information below.

**NO:** Skip this section

Fund	Fund Center	Commitment Item	Functional Area	Funded Program	Grant	Sponsored Program	Amount