CONSOLIDATION OF THE 2018 PRIMARY AND GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that Council adopt a resolution authorizing the following actions:

1. Authorize the City Clerk to call for and consolidate the June 5, 2018, primary municipal election and the November 6, 2018, general municipal election with the respective statewide direct primary and general elections;

2. Adopt a fee, as set by the San Joaquin Registrar of Voters, for the printing and handling of the Candidate’s Statement of Qualifications;

3. Adopt the deadlines for filing of any direct arguments and rebuttal arguments as set by the San Joaquin Registrar of Voters, which deadlines shall coincide with the City Clerk’s Office posted hours of operation for both the primary and general elections;

4. Authorizing the San Joaquin County Registrar of Voters to conduct the elections on behalf of the City of Stockton.

Summary

Adoption of the recommended resolution as required by the Elections Code authorizes the City Clerk to call for the election consolidation, sets the Candidate Statement regulations before the opening of the nomination period, coordinates the deadlines for arguments with the San Joaquin Registrar of voters, and authorizing the fee as set by the San Joaquin Registrar of Voters.

DISCUSSION

The terms for the incumbent Council Members in Districts 1, 3, and 5 will end in December of 2018. Pursuant to established procedures and in accordance with Stockton City Charter Article VII, Section 700, the Office of the City Clerk is calling for the holding of a municipal election in June of 2018 and for a municipal election for these offices in November of 2018 should a run-off election be necessary.

Pursuant to the California Election Code, the charges to the candidate for printing and handling of the Candidate’s Statement of Qualifications are estimated by the San Joaquin Registrar of Voters and are set before the opening of the Council candidate nomination period on February 13, 2018. The Code also requires that the argument deadlines be set before the conduct of the elections. By adopting this Resolution, the Council will adopt the established fee as well as the argument deadlines.
The following filing provisions are applicable to candidates and remain consistent with the California Elections Code:

1. Each Candidate’s Statement of Qualifications shall be limited to 200 words, and the candidates shall pay in advance the estimated pro rata share of costs for handling, printing, etc., at the time nomination papers are filed. The fees are estimated and set by the San Joaquin County Registrar of Voters.

   District 1  $1000.00
   District 3  $900.00
   District 5  $750.00

2. Exemption from advance payment for the candidate’s statement shall be provided for candidates proving indigence. Candidates proving indigence will be allowed additional time to pay for the candidate’s statement. Proof of indigence is based upon the candidate’s federal income tax report. Nonpayment at the specified time will cause the statement to be deleted before the voter’s pamphlet is printed.

FINANCIAL SUMMARY

The following is an estimated cost of the elections provided by the San Joaquin County Registrar of Voters:

June 5, 2018  $485,000.00

November 6, 2018  $250,000.00

Sufficient funds for the June 5, 2018 election are available from the 010-0131-510 General Fund Non-Departmental Election Costs account in the 2017-18 budget. The November 2018 General election is estimated to cost $250,000 and will be budgeted in the 2018-19 fiscal year.