Ordinance No. 2199
Postponement Order
May 2nd to November 3rd

Thomas Harris III, City Secretary

Background/Timeline

- February 4, 2020 – City Council adopted Ordinance No. 2190, ordering a candidate election (Mayor & At-Large Positions 1 & 2), and special election for 9 amendments to the City Charter
- March 13, 2020 – March 29, 2020 – Mayor Zimmerman, Fort Bend County Judge, Governor of the State of Texas, and President of the United States have issued declarations for local disasters, stay-at-home/shelter-in-place orders, and social distancing mandates in response to the COVID-19 pandemic
- March 18, 2020 – Governor of the State of Texas issued suspended Election Code provisions to allow for the rescheduling of May 2, 2020 election to November 3rd

Postponement Order

- **Effects:**
  - **Postpones the Candidate elections and Charter Amendment election until November 3, 2020**
  - **Does not reopen candidate filing period**
  - **Ballots by mail:**
    - **Over 65 years of age due to disability remain valid**
    - **Voter's expected absence invalidated, must reapply**
    - **Application Deadline = October 23, 2020**
  - **Voter registration deadline = October 5, 2020**
  - **Early voting period = October 19-23, 2020**

Recommend Action

- **The Office of the City Secretary recommends City Council approve Ordinance No. 2199, on first reading, postponing the May 2, 2020 City of Sugar Land General Election and Charter Amendment Election to November 3, 2020**

- **Next Steps = Passage of Ordinance No. 2199 will result in future City Council action to revise order calling candidate elections, special charter amendment election, and updating early voting and election day polling locations**

CLARIFYING QUESTIONS FOR STAFF

COUNCIL MOTION & DISCUSSION