

CITY OF CLARKSTON

ITEM NO: F7

CLARKSTON CITY COUNCIL MEETING

HEARING TYPE:  
Council Meeting

BUSINESS AGENDA / MINUTES

ACTION TYPE:  
Resolution

MEETING DATE: December 6, 2016

SUBJECT: Issue Call for Special Election and Set Qualifying Period

DEPARTMENT: Administration

PUBLIC HEARING:  YES  NO

ATTACHMENT:  YES  NO  
Pages:

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PURPOSE: To Issue Call for March 21, 2017 Special Election and Set the Qualifying Period.

NEED/ IMPACT: At the November 1, 2016 Council Meeting, the Council accepted the resignation of Robert Hogan and adopted a resolution confirming the vacancy of his council seat. The next regular municipal election occurs more than twelve (12) months from the date of the confirmation of the vacancy. Therefore a special election shall occur in order to fill the vacancy. Pursuant to state law (O.C.G.A. § 21-2-540(c)), the special election to fill the vacancy in the office of the Clarkston City Council shall occur on March 21, 2017. The successful candidate will fill the remainder of the unexpired term of office which concludes on December 31, 2017. Special Election "Call" and the designated Qualifying period to be published in the 12/15/16 edition of the Champion News.

O.C.G.A 21-2-132 (d) (3) defines that "Each candidate for municipal office or a designee shall file a notice of candidacy in the office of the municipal superintendent of such candidate's municipality during the municipality's qualifying period. O.C.G.A § 21-2-540 states that "The period during which candidates may qualify to run in a special primary or a special election shall remain open for a minimum of two and one-half days," and no more than five days. The days of the qualifying period shall be consecutive days. To allow ample notification to interested candidates to qualify and due to shortened work weeks for the holidays, Staff recommend setting the qualifying period for the Special Election for the week of Monday, January 9 to Friday, January 13th, 2017 from 9:00am to 4:30p. This is the first full week of operations after the holidays.

RECOMMENDATIONS: Staff recommends issuing the Call for the Special Election set for March 21, 2017 to be published in the 12/15/16 Champion News and to set the qualifying period for the Special Election for Monday, January 9 to Friday, January 13th, 2017 from 9:00am to 4:30pm, with notice to publish 12/15/16.