



**SOMERVILLE CITY COUNCIL
NOTICE OF A SPECIAL CALLED MEETING**

March 23, 2020

6:15 PM

**SOMERVILLE SENIOR CITIZENS CENTER
17510 SH 36 SOUTH, SOMERVILLE, TEXAS**

1. Call to Order

(Llamada a pedido)

2. Invocation & Pledge of Allegiance.

(Invocación y Compromiso de Lealtad)

3. Governor Gregg Abbott certified that the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) poses an imminent threat of disaster and, under the authority vested in the Governor by Section 418.014 of the Texas Government Code, declared a state of disaster for all counties in Texas. Proclamation by the Governor of the State of Texas is attached.

(El gobernador Gregg Abbott certificó que el nuevo coronavirus (COVID-19) representa una amenaza inminente de desastre y, bajo la autoridad conferida al Gobernador por la Sección 418.014 del Código del Gobierno de Texas, declaró un estado de desastre para todos los condados de Texas. Se adjunta la proclamación del Gobernador del Estado de Texas.)

4. Action Item: (Elemento de acción:)

General Election (Elecciones generales)

A. Discuss, consider and approve (disapprove) the recommendation of Governor Greg Abbott to move the City of Somerville's May 2, 2020 General Election to the next uniform election date, occurring on November 3, 2020.

(Discutir, considerar y aprobar (desaprobar) la recomendación del gobernador Greg Abbott de trasladar la elección general de la ciudad de Somerville el 2 de mayo de 2020 a la próxima fecha de elección uniforme, que ocurre el 3 de noviembre de 2020.)

5. Mayor & Council Comments: (Alcalde & Consejo Comentarios:)

6. Adjourn (Aplazado)

Date: 03-20-20

Time: 3:00 PM

Certified By: Rose Rosser

(Fecha: 03-20-20

Hora: 3:00 PM

Certificado por: Rose Rosser)



GOVERNOR GREG ABBOTT

March 18, 2020

FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE
SECRETARY OF STATE
10:00 AM NO'CLOCK

The Honorable Ruth R. Hughs
Secretary of State
State Capitol Room 1E.8
Austin, Texas 78701

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Secretary of State

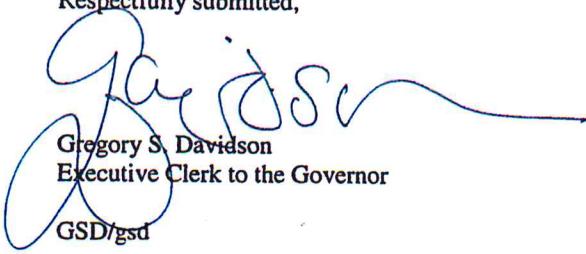
Dear Secretary Hughs:

Pursuant to his powers as Governor of the State of Texas, Greg Abbott has issued the following:

A proclamation suspending Sections 41.0052(a) and (b) of the Texas Election Code and Section 49.103 of the Texas Water Code to the extent necessary to allow political subdivisions that would otherwise hold elections on May 2, 2020, to move their general and special elections for 2020 only to the next uniform election date, occurring on November 3, 2020, without otherwise adjusting the term of office, and suspending Sections 31.093 and 42.0621(c) of the Texas Election Code to the extent necessary to require all county election officers, if requested by an affected political subdivision, to enter into a contract to furnish election services with any political subdivision who postponed their election to November 3, 2020, under the authority of this proclamation.

The original of this proclamation is attached to this letter of transmittal.

Respectfully submitted,



Gregory S. Davidson
Executive Clerk to the Governor
GSD/gsd

Attachment

PROCLAMATION

BY THE

Governor of the State of Texas

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME:

WHEREAS, Section 41.001(a)(2) of the Texas Election Code provides that a general or special election in this state shall be held on a uniform election date, and the next uniform election date is occurring on May 2, 2020; and

WHEREAS, Section 49.103 of the Texas Water Code provides that certain districts governed by this provision are required to hold director elections in May of each even-numbered year; and

WHEREAS, Section 41.0052 of the Texas Election Code prescribes a procedure for a political subdivision to change a general election date, but the time for making such a change has expired; and

WHEREAS, Section 31.093 of the Texas Election Code requires a county elections administrator to enter into a contract to furnish election services upon request of a political subdivision; and

WHEREAS, Section 42.0621(c) of the Texas Election Code does not require a political subdivision to enter into a contract with a county or hold a joint election with a county on the November uniform election date; and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, the Governor of Texas certified that the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) poses an imminent threat of disaster and, under the authority vested in the Governor by Section 418.014 of the Texas Government Code, declared a state of disaster for all counties in Texas; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 418.016 of the Texas Government Code, the Governor has the express authority to suspend the provisions of any regulatory statute prescribing the procedures for conduct of state business or the orders or rules of a state agency if strict compliance with the provisions, orders, or rules would in any way prevent, hinder, or delay necessary action in coping with a disaster.

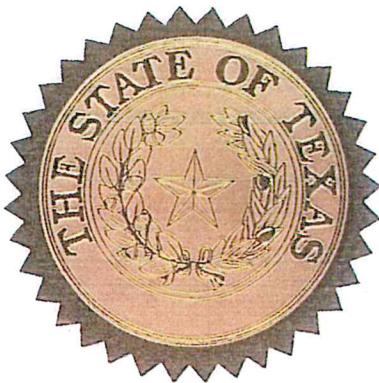
NOW, THEREFORE, I, GREG ABBOTT, Governor of Texas, under the authority vested in me by the Constitution and Laws of the State of Texas, do hereby suspend Sections 41.0052(a) and (b) of the Texas Election Code and Section 49.103 of the Texas Water Code to the extent necessary to allow political subdivisions that would otherwise hold elections on May 2, 2020, to move their general and special elections for 2020 only to the next uniform election date, occurring on November 3, 2020, without otherwise adjusting the term of office. I further suspend Sections 31.093 and 42.0621(c) of the Texas Election Code to the extent necessary to require all county election officers, if requested by an affected political subdivision, to enter into a contract to furnish election services with any political subdivision who postponed their election to November 3, 2020, under the authority of this proclamation.

The authority ordering the election under Section 3.004 of the Texas Election Code is the authority authorized to make the decision to postpone its election in accordance with this proclamation.

Current office holders will hold over to the extent authorized by Article XVI, Section 17 of the Texas Constitution.

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10:00 AM O'CLOCK

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IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I
have hereto signed my name and
have officially caused the Seal of
State to be affixed at my office in the
City of Austin, Texas, this the 18th
day of March, 2020.

A handwritten signature of Greg Abbott in black ink, followed by a horizontal line.

GREG ABBOTT
Governor of Texas

ATTESTED BY:

A handwritten signature of Ruth R. Hughes in black ink, followed by a horizontal line.
RUTH R. HUGHS
Secretary of State

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CITY OF SOMERVILLE

ORDER TO POSTPONE MAY 2, 2020 GENERAL ELECTION

Pursuant to his powers as Governor of the State of Texas, Greg Abbott has issued the following:

A proclamation suspending Sections 41.0052(a) and (b) of the Texas Election Code and Section 49.103 of the Texas Water Code to the extent necessary to allow political subdivisions that would otherwise hold elections on May 2, 2020, to move their general and special elections for 2020 only to the next uniform election date, occurring on November 3, 2020, without otherwise adjusting the term office, and suspending Sections 31.093 and 42.0621(c) of the Texas Election Code to the extent necessary to require all county election officers, if requested by an affected political subdivision, to enter into a contract to furnish election services with any political subdivision who postponed their election to November 3, 2020, under the authority of this proclamation.

The City of Somerville, confirms that the candidate filings for the election will remain valid for the election held on the November date and that the filing period will not be reopened for the November election date; and

The City of Somerville, confirms that all Applications for Ballot by Mail voters that are voting by mail due to being over the age of 65 or due to disability will still be valid for the postponed election, and that Applications for Ballot by Mail for voters who submitted Applications for Ballot by Mail based on expected absence from the county would not be valid for the postponed election; and

The City of Somerville, confirms major relevant dates for the November election, including voter registration deadline (October 5, 2020), the deadline to submit and Application for Ballot by Mail (October 23, 2020), and the dates for early voting (October 19, 2020 – October 30, 2020).

Order Issued on this the 23rd day of March, 2020.

In favor: _____

Opposed: _____

Mayor, Micheal Bradford

Attest:

City Secretary, Rose Rosser

CIUDAD DE SOMERVILLE
ORDEN DE POSPONER LAS ELECCIONES GENERALES DEL 2 DE MAYO DE 2020

De acuerdo con sus poderes como Gobernador del Estado de Texas, Greg Abbott ha emitido lo siguiente:

Una proclamación que suspenda las Secciones 41.0052(a) y (b) del Código Electoral de Texas y la Sección 49.103 del Código de Agua de Texas en la medida necesaria para permitir subdivisiones políticas que de otro modo celebrarían elecciones el 2 de mayo de 2020, para mover sus elecciones para 2020 sólo hasta la próxima fecha de elección uniforme, que ocurría el 3 de noviembre de 2020, sin ajustar de otra manera el mandato, y suspender las Secciones 31.093 y 42.0621(c) del Código Electoral de Texas en la medida necesaria para requerir todas las elecciones del condado oficiales, si lo solicita una subdivisión política afectada, para celebrar un contrato para proporcionar servicios electorales con cualquier subdivisión política que pospusiera su elección al 3 de noviembre de 2020, bajo la autoridad de esta proclamación.

La ciudad de Somerville, confirma que las solicitudes de candidatos para la elección seguirán siendo válidas para la elección celebrada en la fecha de noviembre y que el período de presentación no se reabrirá para la fecha de la elección de noviembre; Y

La ciudad de Somerville, confirma que todas las solicitudes de votación por correo a los votantes que están votando por correo debido a ser mayores de 65 años o debido a la discapacidad seguirán siendo válidas para la elección pospuesta, y que las solicitudes de votación por correo para los electores que Las solicitudes de votación por correo basadas en la ausencia esperada del condado no serían válidas para la elección pospuesta; Y

La ciudad de Somerville, confirma las principales fechas relevantes para las elecciones de noviembre, incluyendo la fecha límite de registro de votantes (5 de octubre de 2020), la fecha límite para presentar y la solicitud de votación por correo (23 de octubre de 2020), y las fechas para la votación anticipada (19 de octubre de 2020 – 30 de octubre de 2020).

Orden emitida en este 23 de marzo de 2020.

A favor: _____ Opuesto: _____

Alcalde, Micheal Bradford

Atestiguar:

Secretaria de la Ciudad, Rose Rosser