

## RESOLUTION 1864

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HURST, TEXAS, ORDERING A SPECIAL ELECTION TO BE HELD NOVEMBER 5, 2024; AUTHORIZING A JOINT ELECTION AGREEMENT AND CONTRACT FOR ELECTION SERVICES WITH THE TARRANT COUNTY ELECTIONS ADMINISTRATOR; AND ESTABLISHING A DATE FOR A RUNOFF ELECTION, IF NECESSARY**

**WHEREAS**, Councilmember Cindy Shepard, Place 7, submitted her resignation on August 2, 2024 and pursuant to provisions of the Texas Election Code a vacancy occurred; and

**WHEREAS**, in accordance with the City Charter and state law, a vacancy on the City Council shall be filled by a special election; and

**WHEREAS**, a vacancy has occurred in Place 7 of the Hurst City Council and pursuant to City Charter and state law, must be ordered and held on the next available uniform election day, November 5, 2024, at which time the voters will elect a person to fill the office of City Council Place 7; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council desires to conduct the special election with the November 5, 2024 joint election entities pursuant to the provisions of the Texas Election Code, and as established in a joint election agreement and contract for election services with the Tarrant County Elections Administrator.

**WHEREAS**, the City of Hurst City Council declares it in the best interest of the health, safety, and welfare of the public to adopt this Resolution and order the November 5, 2024 Special Election; and

**WHEREAS**, all prerequisites for the adoption of this Resolution have been met, including but not limited to the Open Meeting Act.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HURST, TEXAS:**

Section 1: **THAT** the City Council hereby accepts the resignation of Councilmember Place 7.

Section 2: **THAT** unless one or more of the entities qualify under provisions of the Texas Election Code to cancel their election, the City of Hurst shall hold a special election, per the aforesaid joint election agreement and

contract for election services, on Tuesday, November 5, 2024, for the purpose of electing a member of the Hurst City Council.

Section 3: **THAT** a special election is hereby ordered to elect a person to the office of City Council Place 7 to serve an unexpired term until May of 2026 or until their successor is duly elected and qualified. Such election shall be held on the 5<sup>th</sup> day of November 2024, from 7:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. The locations of polling locations for this election are designated pursuant to the aforesaid Joint Election Agreement and Contract for election services. The anticipated Hurst polling location is Brookside Center, 1244 Brookside Drive, Hurst, Texas.

Section 4: **THAT** qualified persons may file as candidates by filing application in the office of the City Secretary, Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. beginning on Wednesday, August 14, 2024, and continuing until 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, August 22, 2024. The names of eligible and qualified candidates for such office shall be placed on the ballot for such election by the City Secretary at the time and in the manner prescribed by law, and the charter and ordinances of the City of Hurst.

Section 5: **THAT** Clinton Ludwig (or his successor), Tarrant County Elections Administrator, 2700 Premier Street, Fort Worth, Texas 76111, is hereby appointed as Early Voting Clerk and may appoint additional deputy early voting clerks as necessary to properly conduct the Election.

Website: [tarrantcountytx.gov](http://tarrantcountytx.gov)

Email: [Electionsinfo@tarrantcountytx.gov](mailto:Electionsinfo@tarrantcountytx.gov)

Telephone: 817-831-8683

Applications for ballot by mail must be received no later than the close of business on: Friday, October 25, 2024.

Federal Post Card Applications (FPCAs) must be received no later than the close of business on Friday, October 25, 2024

(Mailing Address: P.O. Box 961011, Fort Worth, Texas, 76161-0011;  
Attention: Clinton Ludwig, Early Voting Clerk)

Section 6: **THAT** early voting by personal appearance shall be conducted at the County's Main Early Voting location: 2700 Premier Street, Fort Worth, Texas 76111. Branch locations for early voting by personal appearance shall also be established as outlined in the election agreement with Tarrant County Elections Administrator. Tarrant

County Elections Administration will provide a final listing of all available branch sites at a future date, and Hurst residents may vote at any early voting site in Tarrant County during the early voting by personal appearance process. The anticipated branch early voting location within the City of Hurst includes the Brookside Center, 1244 Brookside Drive, Hurst, Texas.

Early voting by personal appearance will begin on Monday, October 21, 2024, and will end on Friday, November 1, 2024, and the hours designated for early voting by personal appearance shall be as set forth below:

October 21 – 25	Monday – Friday	8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
October 26	Saturday	7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.
October 27	Sunday	10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
October 28 – November 1	Monday – Tuesday	7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.

For purposes of processing ballots cast in early voting, the election officers for the early voting ballot board shall be appointed and designated in accordance with the provisions of the election agreement with the Tarrant County Elections Administrator.

Section 7: **THAT** all resident qualified electors of the City shall be permitted to vote at said election, and on the day of the election, such electors may vote at any countywide polling place(s) designated by Tarrant County. This election shall be held and conducted in accordance with the aforesaid election agreement, and the election laws of the State of Texas.

Section 8: **THAT** combined ballots may be utilized containing all of the offices and propositions to be voted on at each polling place, provided that no voter shall be given a ballot or permitted to vote for any office or proposition on which the voter is ineligible to vote. The County's voting equipment will be utilized for this election and said HART Intercivic Verity, version 2.7, is hereby adopted for use in Absentee Voting By mail, Early Voting By Personal Appearance, Regular Voting on Election Day and Provisional Voting.

Section 9: **THAT** the election officers for each polling place shall be appointed in accordance with the provisions of the election agreement for the conducting of the election on the aforesaid election date with Tarrant County, Texas.

Section 10: **THAT** the Mayor is hereby authorized to execute aforesaid election agreement for and on behalf of the City. The City Manager and the City Secretary, in consultation with the City Attorney, are hereby authorized and directed to take any and all actions necessary to comply with the provisions of federal and state law in carrying out and conducting the election, whether or not expressly authorized herein.

Section 11: **THAT** the expenses of the joint election shall be borne as outlined in the election agreement with the Tarrant County Election Administrator.

Section 12: **THAT** any runoff election required for the election of members of the City Council of the City of Hurst, Texas, ensuing from the Special Election of November 5, 2024, shall be held on Saturday, December 14, 2024, or as designated by the Joint Election Agreement and Contract and in accordance with the election code.

**AND IT IS SO RESOLVED.**

Passed this the 13<sup>th</sup> day of August 2024 by a vote of 5 to 0.

**ATTEST:**

**CITY OF HURST**

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Rita Frick, City Secretary

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Henry Wilson, Mayor

**Approved as to form and legality:**

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City Attorney