City of Piedmont
COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

DATE: June 18, 2018

TO: Mayor and Council

FROM: Paul Benoit, City Administrator

SUBJECT: Consideration of a Resolution Regarding Procedural Details for the
                  General Municipal Election of November 6, 2018

RECOMMENDATION

By motion, approve the attached resolution setting details for the General Municipal Election of November 6, 2018 and requesting the services of the Alameda County Registrar of Voters to conduct the election.

BACKGROUND

Pursuant to the Elections Code, the City Council must establish procedures for the General Municipal Election to be held on November 6, 2018. The Council must declare the number and type of elected positions to be voted on, set the compensation for poll workers, set filing fees, request the service of the Alameda County Registrar of Voters, and establish other details related to the election. The attached resolution, which was drafted in consultation with the City Attorney, will satisfy these requirements.

Nomination papers for prospective candidates for this election will be available from the City Clerk beginning July 16, 2018 and must be returned no later than 5:00 p.m. on August 10, 2018, unless an eligible incumbent fails to file, in which case the deadline is extended to August 15, 2018. The "Guide to Nomination and Candidacy" will be posted to the City's web site within the next few days, so that prospective candidates will have an idea of what the filing process will entail. State law requires that nomination papers be issued in person by the City Clerk.

Prospective candidates are requested to contact the City Clerk's office to set an appointment to take out nomination papers. The process will take approximately one hour.

Should the Council choose place a measure on the ballot in November, a separate resolution will be prepared and brought before the Council to add the measure to the election.

By: John O. Tulloch, City Clerk

RESOLUTION NO. ___

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PIEDMONT CALLING FOR THE HOLDING OF A GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2018 FOR THE ELECTION OF MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL AND BOARD OF EDUCATION, REQUESTING CONSOLIDATION WITH THE STATEWIDE GENERAL ELECTION, AND SETTING PROCEDURAL DETAILS

WHEREAS, a General Municipal Election is scheduled for November 6, 2018, for the purpose of the election of three (3) members of the City Council, for a regular term of four (4) years, and two (2) members of the Piedmont Board of Education for a regular term of four (4) years; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to determine a number of details relating to such General Municipal Election and to request that the Alameda County Board of Supervisors consolidate such General Municipal Election with the Statewide General Election to be held on the same date;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Piedmont does hereby resolve, declare, determine and order as follows:

SECTION 1. Pursuant to the requirements of the Charter of the City of Piedmont, a General Municipal Election is called and ordered to be held in the City of Piedmont, California on Tuesday, November 6, 2018 for the purpose of electing three (3) members of the City Council, for a regular term of four (4) years, and two (2) members of the Piedmont Board of Education for a regular term of four (4) years.

SECTION 2. Pursuant to §10002 and §10403 of the Elections Code, the City of Piedmont formally requests that the General Municipal Election be consolidated with the Statewide General Election to be held on November 6, 2018 and further requests the services of the Alameda County Registrar of Voters in carrying out the General Municipal Election, including sending to the City's registered voters all required election materials, conducting the General Municipal Election, canvassing the vote received, and taking all steps necessary and required for the holding of this election within the City of Piedmont.

SECTION 3. That the City Council acknowledges that the consolidated election will be held and conducted in the manner prescribed by §10418 of the Elections Code.

SECTION 4. The compensation for election officers shall be based on the rates set by the Alameda County Board of Supervisors which are in effect at the time of the General Municipal Election.

SECTION 5. The location of the central counting place for the ballots to be cast at the General Municipal Election shall be the Alameda County Courthouse, 1225 Fallon Street, Oakland, California.

SECTION 6. The polling place rental fees shall be the same as the fees which are adopted by the Alameda County Board of Supervisors and which are currently in effect at the time of the General Municipal Election.

SECTION 7. There shall be no filing fee for candidates for office in the General Municipal Election.

SECTION 8. The candidates' statements shall be limited to a maximum of 200 words.

SECTION 9. In the event of a tie-vote for any office which is being voted on at such General Municipal Election, the provisions of Section 15651 of the California Elections Code, relating to determining the tie by lot, shall apply.

SECTION 10. The nominations for the General Municipal Election shall open on July 16, 2018 and close no later than 5:00 pm on August 10, 2018, unless extended pursuant to Elections Code Section 10225.

SECTION 11. The City Clerk is directed to give notice of the election in the time, form, and manner as required by law.

SECTION 13. In all particulars not recited in the Resolution, the election shall be held and conducted as provided by law for holding municipal elections.

SECTION 14. The City Clerk is authorized to transmit a certified copy of this resolution to the Alameda County Board of Supervisors and the Alameda County Registrar of Voters.

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