

ORDINANCE NO. _____

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE 2019-2020 BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF DEER PARK, TEXAS, AND APPROPRIATING THE SUMS SET UP THEREIN TO THE OBJECTS AND PURPOSES THEREIN NAMED.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DEER PARK:

I.

That the City of Deer Park's budget for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2020 was duly prepared and filed with the City Secretary, where it was available for inspection by any taxpayer.

II.

That the budget for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2020 included costs for any regular or special election planned by the City, such election costs funded in the budget for the City Secretary's Office.

III.

That during the fiscal year ending September 30, 2020, in accordance with the City Charter, a regular election was scheduled on May 2, 2020 for the three Council members elected in even numbered years.

IV.

That in March 2020, because of the novel coronavirus pandemic, the Governor of Texas, Greg Abbott, issued a proclamation postponing the May 2, 2020 local elections and special elections to the November 3, 2020 uniform election date.

V.

That as a result of this change to the November 3, 2020 uniform election date, the City's local election was placed under the administrative control of Harris County in accordance with state and federal statutes.

VI.

That because Harris County prorates the cost of their election administration to all jurisdictions in Harris County that participate in the election, the City became responsible for a significant cost and was required to pay a deposit to Harris County in the amount of \$46,619.87, which became due prior to the fiscal year ending September 30, 2020.

VII.

That the change to the November 3, 2020 uniform election date placing the City's regular election under the administrative control of Harris County created an unanticipated election cost of \$46,619.87 owed to Harris County and resulted in a net variance of approximately \$2,100.00 for the City Secretary's Office for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2020.

VIII.

That it is necessary to amend the General Fund budget for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2020 to appropriate an additional \$2,100.00 to fully fund the expenditures for the City Secretary's Office for the fiscal year.

IX.

That funding for the amendment to the expenditures of the adopted budget of the City Secretary's Office for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2020 will include the amount of \$2,100.00 from the unassigned fund balance of the General Fund.

X.

That the regular budget of the City of Deer Park, Texas, for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2020, be, and the same is hereby, in all respects finally approved and amended as so described and shall be, and is hereby, filed with the City Secretary of said City.

XI.

That the amounts specified are for the purposes named in said budget, and they are hereby appropriated to and for such purposes.

XII.

That the City Secretary file copies of this Ordinance and of such budget with all public officers as required by the laws of the State of Texas.

XIII.

It is hereby officially found and determined that the meeting at which this Ordinance was adopted was open to the public, and that public notice of the time, place and purpose of said meeting was given, all as required by Chapter 551 of the Government Code of the State of Texas.

In accordance with Article VIII, Section 1 of the City Charter, this Ordinance was introduced before the City Council of the City of Deer Park, Texas, **passed, approved and adopted** on this the ____ day of _____, 2021 **by a vote of** _____ **“Ayes” and** _____ **“Noes”.**

MAYOR, City of Deer Park, Texas

ATTEST:

City Secretary

APPROVED:

City Attorney