

RESOLUTION NO. 12537

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MESA, ARIZONA, DESIGNATING THE GENERAL ELECTION DATE AND PURPOSES OF THE GENERAL ELECTION; PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE OF A PUBLICITY PAMPHLET; PROVIDING THE DEADLINE FOR FILING ARGUMENTS FOR AND AGAINST BALLOT MEASURES; PROVIDING THE DEADLINE FOR VOTER REGISTRATION; PROVIDING THE TIMES FOR EARLY VOTING AND THE OPENING OF POLLS ON ELECTION DAY; AUTHORIZING ELECTION EXPENDITURES; PROVIDING FOR THE CANVASSING OF ELECTION RESULTS; AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY CLERK TO TAKE ALL NECESSARY ACTION TO FACILITATE THE ELECTION.

Whereas, pursuant to Resolution No. 12473, the City of Mesa (the “City”) called a primary election for July 21, 2026 (the “Primary Election”), for the nomination of candidates for the office of Councilmember in Council Districts 4, 5, and 6.

Whereas, pursuant to Mesa City Charter Section 201(F), a general election shall be held for those seats where a candidate does not receive a majority of all the valid ballots cast during the primary election for such seat.

Whereas, the City Council believes several issues of importance in the operation of the City should be submitted to the voters for their approval at the general election on November 3, 2026 (the “General Election”).

Whereas, Resolution No. 12538 submits to the qualified electors of the City at the General Election two questions of authorizing the issuance and sale of general obligation bonds of the City for the purpose of funding projects intended to (1) Enhance Public Safety, and (2) Enhance Transportation Improvements for Safer and Less Congested Streets; and further designating the manner in which the election is conducted, the translation of election materials, voter registration deadlines, and early voting dates.

Whereas, Ordinance No. 6017 submits to the qualified electors of the City at the General Election the question of amending Mesa City Charter Section 209(A).

Whereas, Ordinance No. 6016 submits to the qualified electors of the City at the General Election the question of amending Mesa City Charter Section 211.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MESA:

Section 1. General Election. That November 3, 2026, has been set as the date for holding the General Election in the City for the purpose of electing a Councilmember in each of Council Districts 4, 5, and 6, where no candidate was elected at the Primary Election, and to submit to the voters the proposed ballot measures as set forth in Section 2.

Section 2. Ballot Measures. At the General Election, the qualified electors of the City will be asked to vote on the following ballot measures:

Question 1. General Obligation Bonds: Enhance Public Safety. Issue and sell general obligation bonds of the City to support fire and medical, police, and public safety improvements, facilities, and communication systems, associated equipment, apparatuses, and technology, municipal improvements that support community and public safety, and acquisition of land for such purposes.

Question 2. General Obligation Bonds: Enhance Transportation Improvements for Safer and Less Congested Streets. Issue and sell general obligation bonds of the City to support safer and less congested streets, including for arterial street improvements, pavement reconstruction, street improvements, streetlights, traffic signals, communication infrastructure, shared use paths, associated improvements, and the acquisition of land for such purposes.

Question 3. Charter Amendment: Section 209(A). To conform with state law, amend Mesa City Charter Section 209(A) relating to Council meetings to require that the procedures for fixing the time and place of regular meetings and giving public notice of meetings, and the purposes for executive sessions be in accordance with state law.

Question 4. Charter Amendment: Section 211. To conform with state law modernization efforts, amend Mesa City Charter Section 211 relating to ordinances to require ordinances to be posted on the City’s website, posted at one physical location in Mesa, and published in accordance with state law.

Qualified electors of the City may also be asked to vote on any additional propositions or questions that legally qualify for the ballot.

Section 3. Publicity Pamphlet. A publicity pamphlet will be mailed to each household within the City that contains a registered voter by the earliest date for receipt of a requested early ballot for the General Election. If the pamphlet is not mailed by such date, the City Clerk will provide a notice for when the pamphlet will be mailed and accessed or viewed. The pamphlet will contain the ballot measures as they will appear on the ballot along with the arguments supporting or opposing the measure. Arguments will be placed in the order in which they are filed with the City Clerk. Materials will be translated into Spanish as required by the Voting Rights Act of 1965.

Section 4. Arguments For and Against. Arguments supporting or opposing the City’s ballot measures must be filed with the Mesa City Clerk’s Office, 20 East Main Street, Suite 150, by 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, August 5, 2026. Arguments must include a sworn statement from the person sponsoring the argument, two executive officers for an organization, or the chairman and treasurer for a political action committee. Each argument must be submitted in an electronic format to the City Clerk and be accompanied by a deposit to offset the proportional costs of printing. This payment requirement will not be waived.

Section 5. General Election Laws and Rules; Voter Registration. The General Election will be held, conducted, and canvassed in conformity with the general election laws of the State of Arizona, except as otherwise provided by law and a voter in the General Election must be a qualified elector of the City (as defined under state law and Mesa City Code Title 1, Chapter 8, Section 1). Maricopa County registration and voting lists will be used for the General Election. To be qualified to vote in the General Election, a City resident must be registered to vote by midnight on Monday, October 5, 2026.

Section 6. Polling Places. Polling places will be open from 6:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, November 3, 2026, and absentee and early voting will be permitted in accordance with the provisions of Arizona Revised Statutes Title 16, Chapter 4, Article 8.

Section 7. Expenditures. All expenditures as may be necessary to order, notice, hold, and administer the General Election are hereby authorized, which expenditures will be paid from the current operating funds of the City.

Section 8. Canvassing of Results. The official returns from the General Election will be made to the Mayor and Council of the City within twenty (20) days from the date of the General Election and the General Election will be canvassed and the results certified by the Mayor and Council of the City at a meeting to be held within twenty (20) days after the date of the General Election, as provided by law.

Section 9. City Clerk Authorization. The City Clerk is hereby authorized to take all necessary action to facilitate the General Election.

Passed and adopted by the City Council of the City of Mesa on June 1, 2026.

Mark Freeman, Mayor

Attest:

Holly Moseley, City Clerk