

## **RESOLUTION NO. 12226**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MESA, MARICOPA COUNTY, 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. 12161, the City of Mesa (the “City”) called a primary election for July 30, 2024 (“Primary Election”), to nominate candidates for Mayor and Councilmembers in Districts 1, 2, and 3.

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 201(F) of the Mesa City Charter, 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 November 5, 2024 general election (“General Election”).

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 12204 submits to the voters at the General Election a question proposing a permanent adjustment of \$148 million to the 1979-80 expenditure base limit that is used to calculate the City’s annual expenditure limitation. This will not increase taxes and is estimated to provide expenditure capacity for 30 years.

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 12225 submits to the qualified electors of the City at the General Election, the question of authorizing the issuance and sale of general obligation bonds of the City for the purpose of funding projects intended to (i) Enhance Community Safety such as public safety, fire and medical, and law enforcement facilities and improvements, related equipment, apparatuses, technology and communication systems, and transportation improvements for safer streets for all users; and (ii) Enhance Recreational Facilities and Expand Educational and Cultural Experiences including parks, water conservation projects in parks, aquatic centers, recreational facilities, historic properties, and a children’s museum.

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 12209 adopts, and submits to the voters for ratification at the General Election, the City of Mesa’s new general plan – the Moving Forward Together: Tomorrow’s Mesa 2050 General Plan – setting forth the comprehensive, long-range plan and

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policies to guide Mesa’s future growth and development. The Mesa 2050 General Plan will not change current zoning or increase taxes.

Now, therefore, be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Mesa as follows:

Section 1. That November 5, 2024, has been set as the date for holding the General Election in the City for the purpose of electing a Mayor and a Councilmember for each of the Council Districts 1, 2, and 3, 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. At the General Election, the qualified electors of the City will be asked to vote on the following ballot measures:

Question 1 Permanent Base Adjustment: Proposing a permanent adjustment to the City of Mesa’s 1979-80 expenditure base limit that is used to calculate the City’s annual expenditure limitation.

Question 2 General Obligation Bonds: Enhance Community Safety through public safety, fire and medical, and police facilities, improvements, apparatuses and equipment and transportation improvements for safer streets for all users.

Question 3 General Obligation Bonds: Enhance Recreational Facilities and Expand Educational & Cultural Experiences through new and upgraded parks, aquatic centers, and a children’s museum.

Question 4 General Plan: Proposed ratification of the Moving Forward Together: Tomorrow’s Mesa 2050 General Plan.

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. A publicity pamphlet shall 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 shall provide a notice for when the pamphlet will be mailed and accessed or viewed. The pamphlet shall contain the ballot measures as they will appear on the ballot along with the arguments supporting or opposing the measure. Arguments shall be placed in the order in which they are filed with the City Clerk. Materials shall be translated into Spanish as required by the Voting Rights Act of 1965.

Section 4. 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 7, 2024. 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

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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 shall not be waived.

Section 5. The General Election shall 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 7, 2024.

Section 6. Polling places will be open from 6:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. on November 5, 2024, and absentee and early voting shall be permitted in accordance with the provisions of Title 16, Chapter 4, Article 8, Arizona Revised Statutes.

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

Section 8. The official returns from the General Election shall 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 shall 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. 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, Maricopa County, Arizona, this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of June, 2024.

APPROVED:

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Mayor

ATTEST:

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City Clerk

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