



CITY OF CONCORD

REPORT TO MAYOR AND THE CITY COUNCIL

FROM: Janice Bonenfant
City Clerk

DATE: March 6, 2019

SUBJECT: Ward Four Special Election

Recommendation

Approve this report which recommends that City Council set a date of June 4, 2019 to hold a Special Election to fill the vacant Ward Four Council seat. The candidate elected to fill this vacancy will fill a term that expires December 31, 2019.

Background

At the March 5, 2019 Special Election, Councilor Byron Champlin was elected to fill the at large City Council vacancy that occurred when Councilor Shurtleff resigned in follow-up to his confirmation to serve as House Majority Leader on December 5, 2018.

Section 16 (a) of the City Charter, states that if the office of Ward Councilor becomes vacant at or before the regular August meeting of the City Council in the year of a municipal election, the vacancy shall be filled by special election. In accordance with this section of the City Charter, City Council shall prescribe a date for a special election to be held to fill the Ward Four Council vacancy.

Discussion

The suggested date of June 4, 2019 will allow sufficient time for the advertisement of the required special ten day filing period that would take place April 5, 2019 through April 15, 2019, while also allowing sufficient time for the printing and issuance of both regular and absentee ballots.

The candidate that receives the highest number of votes for the Ward Four vacancy could be sworn into office at the regular June 10, 2019 City Council meeting.

The estimated cost to hold this Special Election is attached.