ORDINANCE No. 112606

COUNCIL BILL No. 105220

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REPORT OF COMMITTEE

Honorable President:

Your Committe on City Operations

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BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF SEATTLE AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Subsections D, E and F of SMC 4.08.040 are amended as follows:

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E. Not earlier than the first Monday in ((~~November~~)) October of each year in which a Commissioner will be elected, nor later than the succeeding Friday, any person who is to become a candidate for Commissioner shall file a declaration of candidacy for office with the City Comptroller, on a form furnished by the Comptroller.

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Friday, any person who is to become a candidate for Commissioner shall file a declaration of candidacy for office with the City Comptroller, on a form furnished by the Comptroller.

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(To be used for all Ordinances except Emergency.)

Section 3. This ordinance shall take effect and be in force thirty days from and after its passage and approval, if approved by the Mayor; otherwise it shall take effect at the time it shall become a law under the provisions of the city charter.

Passed by the City Council the 9th day of December, 1985,

and signed by me in open session in authentication of its passage this 9th day of December, 1985.

President of the City Council.

Approved by me this 12th day of December, 1985.

Mayor.

Filed by me this 12th day of December, 1985.

Attest:
City Comptroller and City Clerk.

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Office of the Comptroller
City of Seattle

Tim Hill, Comptroller

October 30, 1985

The Honorable Norman B. Rice, President
Seattle City Council
1100 Municipal Building
Seattle, Washington 98104

Dear Council President Rice:

Subject: Request for Legislation

Attached is a proposed ordinance which changes the election dates for the employees' representatives to the Civil Service Commission and the Public Safety Civil Service Commission.

Every three years the City Comptroller's Office administers the election of the employees' designates to the Civil Service Commission and the Public Safety Civil Service Commission. Seattle Municipal Code sections 4.04.250.D and 4.08.040.D require the elections to be "held during the week beginning on the first Monday in December." Seattle Municipal Code sections 4.04.250.F and 4.08.040.F state that if a runoff election is necessary, it shall be "held during the week beginning on the third Monday after the first day of election." The timetable prescribed by the Seattle Municipal Code conflicts with the City's holiday schedule for Thanksgiving and Christmas.

The initial election should be held during the first week in November. A runoff election, if one is necessary, should be held during the first week in December. The attached legislation, if enacted, will make these changes. It is my hope that the election process in the coming years will be easier and less expensive to administer.

Should you have any questions regarding this request, please contact Grant Dull at 625-5886.

Sincerely yours,

Tim Hill
City Comptroller

Attachments

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May 23, 1985

GB# 7439 Douglas N. Jewett
CITY ATTORNEY

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The Honorable Douglas Jewett
City Attorney
City of Seattle

Dear Mr. Jewett:

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In 1984 the election period fell during the week of December 3 thru 7. The ballots were accepted at the City Clerk's Office on Friday, December 7 if hand delivered, on Tuesday, December 11 if sent thru departmental mail, and on Tuesday December 11 if sent thru United States mail and postmarked by midnight Friday, December 7. The Comptroller's Office Agency Rule, a copy of which is enclosed, requires the Audit Division of the Comptroller's Office to begin counting ballots on Wednesday, December 12. The ballot counting procedure is time consuming; the employment status of all voters must be validated. The results were certified by the Audit Division and presented to me on December 17, 1984. This year a runoff election was necessary for the Civil Service Commission. The Seattle Municipal Code mandated that the runoff election be held during the week of December 24. Election materials were made available to department election coordinators on December 20. A runoff election requires the printing of new ballots, candidate statements, and return envelopes; the short time period between the primary and the runoff required this office to use an outside printing firm to do the work. The runoff election, held during the Christmas week, meant that many City employees were on vacation and unable to vote.

To correct the awkward timing of the election process, and to save the City money in printing costs, I am asking you to prepare legislation

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which would reschedule the election process. The initial election should be held during the first week in November. A runoff election, if one is necessary, should be held during the first week in December.

I look forward to receiving a response to this request at your convenience. If you have any questions, contact Grant Dull at extension 5886.

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cc: Civil Service Commission
Public Safety Civil Service Commission

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MEMORANDUM

Date: October 14, 1985

To: Bobbie Baker, Civil Service Commission
Dallas Shockley, Public Safety Civil Service Commission

From: Tim Hill, City Comptroller

Subject: Proposed Legislation

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I hope to transmit the proposed legislation to the City Council in the near future. If you have any commments or questions regarding this request, please address them to Grant Dull by October 25.

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NORMAN B. RICE,
President of the City Council.

Approved by me this 12th day of December, 1985.

CHARLES ROYER,
Mayor.

Filed by me this 12th day of December, 1985.

Attest: TIM HILL,
City Comptroller and City Clerk.

(Seal) By THERESA DUNBAR,
Deputy Clerk.

Publication ordered by TIM HILL, Comptroller and City Clerk.

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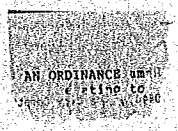

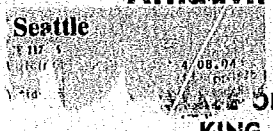

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Yvonne Summers

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