

M E M O R A N D U M

Date: January 8, 2013

TO: David Bullock, Town Manager
FROM: Trish Granger, Town Clerk
SUBJECT: Ordinance 2013-05 - Second Reading and Public Hearing - Establishing the Date for the Town's General Municipal Election and Early Voting Schedule

At the January 7, 2013, Regular Meeting, the Town Commission held first reading on Ordinance 2013-05 which establishes the General Election date of March 12, 2013, and provides the early voting schedule, ballot layout, and advertising authorization to align the Town's General Election date with three elections currently scheduled in Sarasota County.

Ordinance 2013-05 was forwarded to the January 22, 2013, Special Meeting for second reading and public hearing.

As a result of changing the General Election date to coincide with the scheduled elections in Sarasota County, the Statutory Meeting date will be held on March 19, 2013, at 7:00 p.m. to comply with Town Charter requirements.

Please advise if you have any questions.

ORDINANCE 2013-05

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF LONGBOAT KEY, FLORIDA, PROVIDING FOR MARCH 12, 2013, AS THE GENERAL ELECTION DATE; PROVIDING FOR EARLY VOTING; PROVIDING FOR BALLOT PRESENTATION; PROVIDING FOR ADVERTISING OF ELECTION; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Town of Longboat Key Charter Article II, Section 4 states “The preliminary election shall be held on the last Tuesday of January and the general election shall be held on the third Tuesday of March, or when practicable, in conjunction with any County administered election held in March by the coordinating County, either Sarasota or Manatee County;” and

WHEREAS, there is no preliminary election; and

WHEREAS, the Sarasota County Supervisors of Elections has requested the Town to hold its general election in conjunction with other Sarasota County administered elections in March; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Longboat Key Code Section 36.06 provides for early voting; and

WHEREAS, early voting provides citizens greater access to elections and facilitates increased voter participation; and

WHEREAS, advertising the elections are required by law and provides citizens with greater knowledge of election ballot issues.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COMMISSION OF THE TOWN OF LONGBOAT KEY, FLORIDA, THAT:

SECTION 1. The above Whereas clauses are ratified and confirmed as true and correct.

SECTION 2. The election date for the General Election is hereby set as Tuesday, March 12, 2013.

SECTION 3. Early voting for the General election shall be conducted at Town Hall, 501 Bay Isles Road, Longboat Key, for seven (7) days beginning Saturday, March 2, 2013, through Friday, March 8, 2013. The hours for early voting shall be 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday and 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. Staffing for early voting will be provided through the applicable Supervisor of Elections offices coordinated by the Town Clerk's office.

SECTION 4. The ballot presentation for the General election shall contain the names of the qualified candidates for Town Commission Districts, as follows:

District At-Large (one-year term):

Terry Gans
Irwin Pastor

District At-Large (two-year term):

Gene Jaleski
Phill Younger

District 4:

Jim Brown
Larry Grossman

SECTION 5. Advertising of the election shall comply with State election laws and the Town Charter.

SECTION 6. Copies of this Ordinance shall be provided to the Manatee County Supervisor of Elections and the Sarasota County Supervisor of Elections.

SECTION 7. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause or provision of this Resolution is held invalid, the remainder of the Ordinance shall not be affected.

SECTION 8. This Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon adoption by the Town Commission.

PASSED at a meeting of the Town Commission held the 7th day of January, 2013.

ADOPTED at a meeting and public hearing of the Town Commission held the _____ day of _____, 2013.

James L. Brown, Mayor

ATTEST:

Trish Granger, Town Clerk