

**RESOLUTION NO. 02-03-2026C**

**A RESOLUTION CALLING FOR THE GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION AND A SPECIAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION TO BE HELD BY THE CITY OF GAINESVILLE, TEXAS ON MAY 2, 2026; PROVIDING FOR THE GENERAL ELECTION OF COUNCIL PERSONS FOR WARD 3, WARD 5, WARD 6 AND MUNICIPAL JUDGE, AND THE SPECIAL ELECTION OF A COUNCIL PERSON FOR WARD 1; ADOPTING A VOTING SYSTEM AS APPROVED BY SECRETARY OF STATE; AND DESIGNATING POLLING LOCATIONS FOR EARLY VOTING AND ELECTION DAY.**

**WHEREAS**, the General Election is hereby ordered to be held on May 2, 2026, for the purpose of electing the following officials:

COUNCIL POSITION:	Councilmember, Ward 3
COUNCIL POSITION:	Councilmember, Ward 5
COUNCIL POSITION:	Councilmember, Ward 6
COUNCIL POSITION:	Municipal Judge, elected at large; and

**WHEREAS**, a Special Election is hereby ordered to be held on May 2, 2026, for the purpose of electing the following officials:

COUNCIL POSITION:	Councilmember, Ward 1
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**WHEREAS**, said elections shall be held in accordance with Texas Election Code and the Federal Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended.

**WHEREAS**, the City Charter of Gainesville provides that annual elections be held in May in accordance with State Law. All qualified electors of the City of Gainesville shall be permitted to vote at said election.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GAINESVILLE, TEXAS, MEETING IN REGULAR SESSION ON FEBRUARY 3, 2026:**

**Section 1: General Election Positions to be Elected and Terms**

That the General Election be held in the City of Gainesville, Texas on the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of May, 2026, for the purpose of electing Councilpersons to represent Ward 3, Ward 5, and Ward 6, and to elect a Municipal Judge, at large. Officials elected to fill said offices shall serve for a term of two years each, beginning May 2, 2026, or as soon thereafter as they are properly declared elected and qualified and serve a term expiring on the first Saturday in May, 2028, or until their successors qualify.

**Section 2: Special Election Position to be Elected to complete Unexpired Term**

That a Special Election is to be held in the City of Gainesville, Texas, on the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of May, 2026, for the purpose of electing a Councilperson to represent Ward 1. The Official elected to fill said office shall complete an unexpired term beginning May 2026, or as soon thereafter as they are properly declared elected and qualified, and serve a term expiring on the first Saturday in May 2027, or until their successors qualify.

**Section 3: Date of Election**

Such election shall take place on Saturday, May 2, 2026, between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.

**Section 4: Candidate Filing Period**

That the filing period for Candidate's Application for Place on the Ballot commence on

January 14, 2026 and end on February 13, 2026.

**Section 5: Polling Location on Election Day**

The location of polling places for this election are designated pursuant to Section 271.003 of the Texas Election Code, and the City Council finds that the following location can most adequately and conveniently serve the voters in this election, and this location will facilitate the orderly conduct of the election; and that the polling location will be open from 7:00 A.M. until 7:00 P.M. on May 2, 2026:

**WARDS**

Wards 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6

**VOTING LOCATION**

Civic Center, 311 South Weaver

**Section 6: Early Voting**

Early Voting by personal appearance will be conducted Monday through Friday at the Civic Center, 311 South Weaver St., beginning April 20, 2026, and ending on April 28, 2026, between the hours of 8:00 A.M. and 5:00 P.M.

**EARLY VOTING NOTE:** Because Tuesday, April 21, 2026 is San Jacinto Day, which is a legal holiday, early voting **will not** be conducted on this date. (Secs. 1.006, 85.005).

**Section 7: Ballots by Mail**

Applications for ballot by mail may be submitted January 1, 2026. Application for ballot by mail shall be mailed to Diana Loch, City Secretary, 200 South Rusk Street, Gainesville, Texas 76240, by April 20, 2026, close of business.

**Section 8: Paper Ballots and Voting System Adopted**

All ballots shall be prepared in accordance with Texas Election Code. Paper ballots shall be used for early voting by mail, and Paper Ballots and the ExpressVote Voting System shall be used for both early voting by personal appearance and voting on Election day. The City Council hereby adopts for use in Early Voting and Election Day voting the ExpressVote Voting System as adopted by Cooke County and approved by the Secretary of State. All expenditures necessary for the conduct of the election, the purchase of materials therefore, and the employment of all election officials is hereby authorized.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that all officers of said election are charged with such duties in connection therewith as are appropriate under the laws of the State of Texas and the Ordinances of this City.

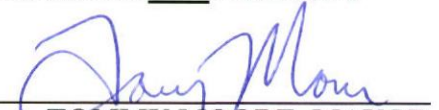
**PASSED AND APPROVED THIS THE 3<sup>RD</sup> DAY OF FEBRUARY 2026, BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:**

5 AYES, 0 NAYS, 1 ABSENT, 0 ABSTENTIONS 1 VACANCY

ATTEST:

  
DIANA LOCH, CITY SECRETARY



  
TOMMY MOORE, MAYOR



**ORDER OF ELECTION**  
**(ORDENDE ELECCIÓN)**

An election is hereby ordered to be held on May 2, 2026 in the City of Gainesville, Cooke County, Texas for the purpose voting in a general and special election to elect the following officials: Councilmember Ward 1, Councilmember Ward 3, Councilmember Ward 5; Councilmember Ward 6; and Municipal Judge.

*(Por lo presente se ordena que se llevará a cabo una elección el día 2 de Mayo de 2026 en la Ciudad de Gainesville, el condado de Cooke, Texas con el propósito de votar en una elección general y especial para elegir a los oficiales siguientes: el Concejal de Distrito 1; el Concejal de Distrito 3; el Concejal de Distrito 5; el Concejal de Distrito 6; y el juez municipal).*

Early voting by personal appearance will be conducted each weekday at:  
*(La votación adelantada en persona se llevara a cabo de lunes a viernes en:)*

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Civic Center, 311 South Weaver, Gainesville, Texas 76240  
El centro Civil, 311 South Weaver de Gainesville, Texas 76240

between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. beginning on April 20, 2026  
*(Entre las 8:00 a.m. de la mañana y las 5:00p.m. de la tarde empenzando el día 20 de Abril de 2026)*

and ending on April 28, 2026. *(y terminando el día 28 de Abril 2026)*

Applications for ballot by mail shall be mailed to:  
*(Las solicitudes para boletas que se votarán en ausencia por correo deberán enviarse a:)*

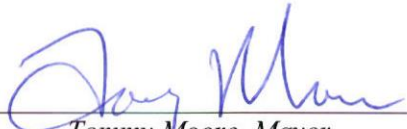
Diana Loch, City Secretary (Nombre del Secretaria de Votación Adelantada)  
200 South Rusk (Dirección)  
Gainesville, Texas 76240 (Ciudad) (Zona Postal)

Applications for ballots by mail must be received no later than the close of business on:  
*(Las solicitudes para boletas que se votaran adelantada por correo deberán recibirse para el fin de las horas de las horas de negocio el:)*

April 20, 2026 *(20 de Abril de 2026)*

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Issued this the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of February 2026.  
*(Emitida el día 3 de Febrero de 2026.)*

  
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Tommy Moore, Mayor

