

NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING

Notice is hereby given that a Special Meeting of the City Council of the City of Shoreacres, Texas, will be held on **February 13, 2026** at **6:00 p.m.** in the City Council Chambers on the first floor at City Hall, 601 Shore Acres Blvd., Shoreacres, Texas, or remotely via Zoom, at which time the following subjects will be discussed, to wit:

1.0 CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL: Members Present and Absent Anderson

1.1 Mayor Ramos, Alderman Greeson, Alderman Bell, Alderman Hill, and Alderman Mitchell

2.0 PLEDGES OF ALLEGIANCE

Texas Pledge: Honor the Texas flag; I pledge allegiance to thee, Texas, one state under God, one and indivisible.

3.0 PETITION FOR SPECIAL ELECTION- ORDINANCE 2026-02-02

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SHOREACRES, TEXAS, ORDERING A SPECIAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON THE 2nd DAY OF MAY, 2026, FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONSIDERING A BALLOT PROPOSITION ON WHETHER THE CITY OF SHOREACRES, TEXAS, SHALL ABANDON THE CITY MANAGER FORM OF GOVERNMENT; PROVIDING FOR ELECTION OFFICERS; DESIGNATING THE PLACE AND MANNER OF HOLDING SAID ELECTION; DESIGNATING THE EARLY VOTING POLLING PLACE; DESIGNATING THE EARLY VOTING CLERK; PROVIDING FOR THE POSTING AND PUBLICATION OF NOTICE; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING FOR AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE.

4.0 ADJOURNMENT

I, the undersigned authority, do hereby certify that the above Notice of Meeting of the governing body of the City of Shoreacres, Texas is a true and correct copy of said Notice and that I posted a copy of said Notice on the bulletin board at City Hall on **February 9, 2026** at or before **6:00 p.m.**, at a place convenient and readily accessible to the general public at all times; to remain so posted continuously for at least 72 hours preceding the scheduled time of said Meeting.

DATED THIS February 09, 2026



Bernadette Anderson

Bernadette Anderson, City Secretary, Shoreacres, Texas

The City Council of the City of Shoreacres reserves the right to adjourn into executive session at any time during this meeting to discuss any of the matters listed above, as authorized by Texas Government Code Sections 551.071 (Consultations with Attorney), 551.072 (Deliberations about Real Property), 551.073 (Deliberations about Gifts and Donations), 551.074 (Personnel Matters), 551.076 (Deliberations about Security Devices) and 551.086 (Economic Development).

The City Council Chamber is wheelchair-accessible, and accessible parking spaces are available.

Requests for accommodation or interpretive services must be submitted at least two working days prior to the meeting. For additional information, please contact the City Office at 281.471.2244 or fax 281.471.8955.

I, the undersigned, certify that this Notice of Meeting was removed from the City Hall bulletin board before 6:00 PM on **February 14, 2025**.

BY: *Bernie Anderson*

Bernadette Anderson, City Secretary, Shoreacres, Texas

****** ZOOM MEETING INFORMATION ******

Meeting ID: 876 0782 2803

Passcode: 309814

Phone number to call in: (346) 248-7799

ORDINANCE NO. 2026-02-02

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WHEREAS, the City of Shoreacres, Texas (“City”) is a Type A general-law municipality; and

WHEREAS, Chapter 25 of the Texas Local Government Code, as amended, contains the procedures for abandoning the city manager form of government; and

WHEREAS, on the 2nd day of February, 2026, the City received a Registered Voter’s Petition Requesting the Shoreacres Mayor to Order a Special Election to Abandon the City Manager Form of Government. The Petition was signed by 12 qualified voters.

WHEREAS, the City Secretary verified the validity of the petition signatures.

WHEREAS, the Petition must be signed by a number of qualified voters equal to at least 20% of the total number of qualified voters who voted for Mayor at the most recent municipal election at which the Office of Mayor was to be filled; and

WHEREAS, the 2024 municipal election was canceled on March 11, 2024 by Ordinance No. 2024-05-01 because each position on the ballot was unopposed. The last election in which votes were cast for the Mayor of Shoreacres was on May 7, 2022. At the 2022 election for Mayor, the number of total ballots cast for Mayor was 47. Twenty percent of 47 is 9.4. The 12 verified signatures exceed the 20% requirement under section 25.071 Texas Local Government Code.

WHEREAS, the Texas Elections Division declares the last day to call a special election on a measure (for the May 2, 2026 election) is Friday, February 13, 2026.

WHEREAS, the City timely considered and approved this Ordinance on Friday, February 13, 2026.

WHEREAS, Section 41.001(a) of the Texas Election Code establishes the 2nd day of

May, 2026, as the first uniform election date for the City of Shoreacres, Texas;

WHEREAS, the meeting at which this Ordinance is considered is open to the public as required by law, and public notice of the time, place and purpose of said meeting was given as required by Section 551.043 of the Texas Government Code.

WHEREAS, the Mayor Pro Tem hereby issues a proclamation ordering the Special Election. The Special Election is ordered to determine whether the municipality will abandon the City Manager form of Government.

WHEREAS, the notice of election shall be for an election to consider the adoption of the City Manager form of Government.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Shoreacres, Texas, that:

Section 1. Election Order, Election Date and Purpose of Election.

A Special Election shall be held on the 2nd day of May, 2026 for the purpose of considering a ballot proposition on whether the City of Shoreacres, Texas, shall determine whether the municipality will abandon the City Manager Form of Government, pursuant to chapter 25 of the Texas Local Government Code, as amended. The election shall be held between the hours of seven o'clock a.m. (7:00 a.m.) and seven o'clock p.m. (7:00 p.m.) at 601 Shore Acres Boulevard, Shoreacres, Texas 77571.

Section 2. Voting System.

Voting on the date of the Election, and early voting therefore, shall be by the use of a lawfully approved voting system. The preparation of the voting equipment to be used in connection with such voting system and the official ballots for the Election shall conform to the Texas Election Code, as amended, so as to permit the eligible voters of the City of Shoreacres to vote on a Ballot Proposition on determine whether the municipality will abandon the City Manager form of Government. Said ballots shall have printed therein such provisions, markings, and language as may be required by law and the Proposition shall be set forth on said ballots in substantially the following form and language:

**SPECIAL ELECTION
City of Shoreacres, Texas
May 2, 2026**

OFFICIAL BALLOT

Proposition # 1:

FOR abandoning the city manager form of government in the City of Shoreacres, Texas

AGAINST abandoning the city manager form of government in the City of Shoreacres, Texas

Section 3. Election Precincts; Polling Place.

The City of Shoreacres hereby designates one (1) Election Day polling location for the voters of the City of Shoreacres. The Election Day polling place and election officials shall be as follows:

<u>Polling Place</u>	<u>Officials</u>
601 Shore Acres Boulevard Shoreacres, Texas 77571	Wes Bell, <i>Election Judge</i>

The Election Judge may appoint such other clerks as needed to serve and assist in the conduct of the election.

Section 4. Early Voting; Early Voting Polling Place.

Bernie Anderson is hereby appointed clerk for early voting; the appointment of a deputy clerk or clerks for early voting by the City Secretary shall be in accordance with Section 83.031 et seq. of the Texas Elections Code. Said clerks shall not permit anyone to vote early by personal appearance at any time when such office is not open to the public. The above-described place for early voting is also the clerk's mailing address to which ballot applications and ballots voted by mail may be sent. Applications by mail for a ballot to be voted by mail shall be received in accordance with the Texas Elections Code. The early voting clerk, in accordance with the provisions of the Texas Elections Code, shall maintain a roster listing each person who votes early by personal appearance and each person to whom a ballot to be voted by mail is sent. The roster shall be maintained in a form approved by the Secretary of State.

Direct Record Electronic (DRE) voting machines shall be used for early voting personal appearance and for Election Day voting. Paper ballots shall be used for early voting by mail. The City Secretary, acting as chief elections officer, shall provide at least one ADA approve voting machine at a polling place as required by Section 61.012 of the Texas Elections Code. All expenditures necessary for the conduct of the election purchase of materials and the employment of all election officials are hereby authorized in accordance with the Texas Elections Code.

Early voting shall commence in City Hall at 601 Shore Acres Boulevard, Shoreacres, Texas 77571 on the 20th day of April, 2026, and shall close on the 28th day of April, 2026. During the lawful early voting by personal appearance period (April 20th through April 28th), the Early Voting Clerk shall keep such place for early voting open for early voting from 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m., on each day during early voting, except Saturdays, Sundays, and official state holidays; and shall keep such place for election day voting open from 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. May 2, 2026

Section 5. Election Compliance.

This election shall be held in accordance with, and shall be governed by, the election laws of the State of Texas. In all City elections, the Mayor, City Secretary or City Council shall perform each act as is required to be performed, in connection with the holding and consummation of such election, and to give effect to the intent of this Ordinance.

Section 6. Voting Qualification; Voting Materials.

All registered, qualified voters of the City shall be permitted to vote at the election. In addition, the election materials enumerated in the Texas Election Code, as amended, shall be printed in English and Spanish for use at the polling places and for early voting for the Election.

Section 7. Compensation for Services.

The Election Judge shall be paid by the City of Shoreacres, Texas.

Section 8. Notices.

The City Secretary is hereby directed to give notice of the election by:

- (a) Publishing the notice of the election at least once, not more than thirty (30) days nor less than ten (10) days before the election in the official newspaper of the City, or between April 2, 2026 and April 22, 2026.
- (b) Filing with the City Secretary, a copy of the notice of the election;
- (c) Posting a copy of the notice on the bulletin board used for posting notices of the meetings of the City Council at least twenty-one (21) days before the election, by the 10th day of April, 2026 ; and
- (d) Delivering notice of the election to the Election Judge not later than the 60th day before election day, or March 3, 2026.

The City Secretary shall file with the City Secretary a copy of the Publisher's Affidavit, which complies with the Texas Election Code, as amended, that the notice was published, with the name of the newspaper and the dates of publication.

Section 9. Severability Clause.

If any word, section, article, phrase, paragraph, sentence, clause, or portion of this ordinance or application thereto to any person or circumstance is held to be invalid or unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portion of this ordinance; and the City Council hereby declares it would have passed such remaining portions of this ordinance despite such invalidity which remaining portions shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 10. Effective Date.

This Ordinance shall take effect from and after its passage.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Shoreacres, Texas, on this the 13th day of February, 2026.

(CITY SEAL)

Felicia Ramos, Mayor Pro Tem

ATTEST:

Bernie Anderson
City Secretary

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Christopher Gregg, Gregg & Gregg, P.C.
City Attorney of the City of Shoreacres, Texas

	Aye	Nay	Not Voting
Mayor			
Mayor Pro Tem Felicia Ramos			
Aldersperson Paul Greeson			
Aldersperson Wes Bell			
Aldersperson Johnny Hill			
Aldersperson Chuck Mitchell			