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## **City Sets Candidate Orientation Session**

MELISSA, TX (January 6, 2010) -

When: Tuesday, January 19, 2010 starting at 6:30 p.m.

Where: City Hall Council Chambers, Melissa City Hall, 901 State Highway 121

What: Briefing on procedural issues relating to City Council election, May 2010

Planned topics, including but not limited to:

Rewards/Challenges of Elected Officials

Candidate Packet

Role of Staff in Election Process

City Council Meetings

Open Meetings Act

Public Information Act

Organizational Chart

Questions and Answers

Background: Mayor and City Administrator offers this opportunity to brief potential candidates and the general public about the election process before the election cycle begins. The event is not geared towards specific issues but will cover general procedural nuances of the election process. Questions will be accepted and will be responded to either at the meeting or in a follow up correspondence. Session is designed to last no more than one hour. "Whether you are a prospective candidate or not, the City is taking a progressive role in providing a clear path of understanding to the citizens of Melissa about basic election procedures and laws, a preliminary calendar of expectations for 2010 and a positive knowledge base about City of Melissa government," says Mayor Reed Greer.

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