ARTICLE V. ELECTIONS.

Sec. 500. General municipal elections.
General municipal elections for the election of members of the City Council and for such other purposes as the City Council may prescribe shall be held in the City on the first Tuesday following the first Monday in June of each odd-numbered year.

Beginning in June of 2012, general municipal elections for the election of Mayor shall be held on the first Tuesday following the first Monday in June of United States Presidential election years. (Effective 1/5/2007)

Sec. 501. Special municipal elections.
All other municipal elections that may be held by authority of this Charter, or of any law, shall be known as special municipal elections. (Effective 12/27/1995)

Sec. 502. Compliance with State law.
Unless otherwise provided by ordinance hereafter enacted, all elections shall be held in accordance with the provisions of the Elections Code of the State of California, as the same now exist or hereafter may be amended, for the holding of elections in cities so far as the same are not in conflict with the Charter. (Effective 12/27/1995)

Sec. 503. Initiative, referendum and recall.
There are hereby reserved to the electors of the City the powers of the initiative and referendum and of the recall of municipal elective officers. The provisions of the Elections Code of the State of California, as the same now exist or hereafter may be amended, governing the initiative and referendum and the recall of municipal officers, shall apply to the use thereof in the City so far as such provisions of the Elections Code are not in conflict with the provisions of this Charter. (Effective 12/27/1995)