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MINUTES REGULAR MEETING November 20, 2023

A Regular Meeting was held by the Schertz City Council of the City of Schertz, Texas, on November 20, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. in the Hal Baldwin Municipal Complex Council Chambers, 1400 Schertz Parkway, Building #4, Schertz, Texas. The following members present to-wit:

Present: Mayor Ralph Gutierrez; Mayor Pro-Tem Michelle Watson; Councilmember Mark Davis; Councilmember Michael Dahle; Councilmember David Scagliola; Councilmember Allison Heyward; Councilmember Tim Brown

Staff present: City Manager Steve Williams; Deputy City Manager Brian James; City Attorney Daniel Santee; Assistant City Manager Sarah Gonzalez; City Secretary Sheila Edmondson;

Call to Order

Mayor Gutierrez called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

Opening Prayer and Pledges of Allegiance to the Flags of the United States and State of Texas. (Councilmember Allison Heyward)

Mayor Gutierrez recognized Councilmember Heyward who provided the opening prayer and led the Pledges of Allegiance to the Flags of the United States and State of Texas.

Hearing of Residents

This time is set aside for any person who wishes to address the City Council. Each person should fill out the speaker's register prior to the meeting. Presentations should be limited to no more than 3 minutes.

All remarks shall be addressed to the Council as a body, and not to any individual member thereof. Any person making personal, impertinent, or slanderous remarks while addressing the Council may be requested to leave the meeting.

Ed Finley-3916 Habersham, Mr. Finley has served with newly elected Councilmember Robert Westbrook for the last 10 years and found him to be a very conscientious and thoughtful person. The SCUCISD Board is sorry to lose him, but they are happy that he is going to serve the City of Schertz.

Discussion and Action Items

1. **Resolution 23-R-123** - Approving a Resolution to canvass the returns and declaring the results of the November 7, 2023, General Election, and other matters in connection therewith. (Mayor/Council/S.Edmondson)

Mayor Gutierrez recognized City Secretary Sheila Edmondson who brought forward Resolution 23-R-123 Canvass the General Election on November 7, 2023.

The total of votes cast during early voting was 5613 personal appearance and absentee, and 4600 votes were cast on Election Day. The total number of votes cast in this election was 10,213. Mr. Paul Macaluso is hereby declared elected to the Office of Councilmember Place 3. Mr. Robert Westbrook is hereby declared elected to the Office of Councilmember Place 5.

Council Place 4's tabulations of votes cast at the November 7, 2023, election discloses that no candidate for Council Place 4 received sufficient votes to be elected to the City Council; and that it is necessary in conformity with the City Charter and Texas Election Code as amended, to call a runoff election for the purpose of voting upon a candidate to fill the Council Place 4 position.

Mayor Gutierrez asked for a motion to approve Resolution 23-R-123.

Moved by Councilmember Mark Davis, seconded by Councilmember Allison Heyward

AYE: Mayor Pro-Tem Michelle Watson, Councilmember Mark Davis, Councilmember Michael Dahle, Councilmember David Scagliola, Councilmember Allison Heyward, Councilmember Tim Brown

Passed

2. **Resolution 23-R-124-** Approving a Resolution to call for a Runoff Election on December 9, 2023, with Guadalupe County, Bexar County and Comal County and approving the Guadalupe County Election Contract stating that Guadalupe County will oversee the entire Runoff Election. (Mayor/Council/S.Edmondson)

Mayor Gutierrez recognized City Secretary Edmondson who brought forward Resolution 23-R-124 calling for a Runoff Election on December 9, 2023.

Mayor Gutierrez asked for a motion to approve Resolution 23-R-124.

Moved by Councilmember Allison Heyward, seconded by Councilmember Michael Dahle

AYE: Mayor Pro-Tem Michelle Watson, Councilmember Mark Davis, Councilmember Michael Dahle, Councilmember David Scagliola, Councilmember Allison Heyward, Councilmember Tim Brown

Passed

3. Oath of Office

Mayor Gutierrez recognized Councilmember David Scagliola for all his year of service and presented him with a plaque and a city sign with his name on it.

City Manager Williams recognized Councilmember David Scagliola and presented him with a City Manager's Coin.

Outgoing Councilmember David Scagliola congratulated the newly elected Councilmember Place 3 Paul Macaluso and Councilmember Place 5 Robert Westbrook thanked them both for willing to serve the City of Schertz.

Officers-Oath of Office (S.Edmondson)

- Place 3-Oath of Office to Mr. Paul Macaluso

City Secretary Edmondson provided the oath of office to Councilmember Place 3 Paul Macaluso.

- Comments by Councilmember Macaluso

Councilmember Macaluso thanked the residents of the City of Schertz for their support. He made a promise to make the best decisions for the citizens of this city.

- Place 5-Oath of Office to Mr. Robert Westbrook

City Secretary Edmondson provided the oath of office to Councilmember Place 5 Robert Westbrook.

- Comments by Councilmember Macaluso

Councilmember Westbrook thanked all the SCUCISD School Board members who supported him through this journey. It was a team effort.

Adjournment

Mayor Gutierrez adjourned the meeting at 6:33 p.m.

Ralph Gutierrez, Mayor

ATTEST:

Sheila Edmondson, City Secretary