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MINUTES SPECIAL SESSION MEETING November 18, 2024

A Special Session Meeting was held by the Schertz City Council of the City of Schertz, Texas, on November 18, 2024, 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; Councilmember Mark Davis; Councilmember Paul Macaluso; Councilmember Allison Heyward; Councilmember Tim Brown

Absent: Mayor Pro-Tem Robert Westbrook; Councilmember Michelle Watson; Councilmember 4 Vacant

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

Call to Order

Mayor Gutierrez called the meeting to order at 6:15 p.m.

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

Mayor Gutierrez 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.

All handouts and/or USB devices must be submitted to the City Secretary no later than noon on the Friday preceding the meeting. Handouts will be provided to each Councilmember prior to the start of the meeting by the City Secretary. All USB devices will be vetted by City IT staff to ensure City property is protected from malware.

No one signed up to speak.

Discussion and Action Items

1. **Resolution 24-R-154** - Approving the canvassing of the election returns and declaring the results of the November 5, 2024, General Election.(Mayor/Council/S.Edmondson)

City Secretary Sheila Edmondson presented Resolution 24-R-154, canvassing the general election returns and declaring the results of the November 5, 2024, General Election.

The following results are:

Robert Marks, Jr-received a total of 5,530 votes for 38.10% of the total vote.

Allison Heyward-received a total of 8,983 votes for 61.90% of the total vote,

Ms. Allison Heyward won the election and is returning as Councilmember Place 6.

Tim Brown-received 11,545 votes for 100% of the vote.

Mr. Tim Brown in returning as Councilmember Place 7.

Mayor Gutierrez asked for a motion to accept the totals from the November 5, 2024 General Election.

Moved by Councilmember Paul Macaluso, seconded by Councilmember Mark Davis

AYE: Councilmember Mark Davis, Councilmember Paul Macaluso, Councilmember Allison Heyward,
Councilmember Tim Brown

Passed

2. **Resolution 24-R-156** Approving, ordering and declaring the November 2024 Charter Amendments as approved by the voters of the City of Schertz, adopted; requiring certification and registration in accordance with state law. (Mayor/Council/S.Edmondson)

City Secretary Sheila Edmondson presented Resolution 24-R-156 Ordering and Declaring the November 5, 2024, Charter Amendments as approved by the voters of the City of Schertz,
The following results are:

Propositions	Early Voting			Election Day			Total Votes Cast	Vote %
	Bexar	Comal	Guadalupe	Bexar	Comal	Guadalupe		
Prop. A - Shall the City Charter of the City of Schertz be amended to specify all annexations shall be in accordance with State Law?	For: 1,998 Against: 464	For: 393 Against: 66	For: 10,038 Against: 1,773	For: 308 Against: 79	For: 67 Against: 18	For: 1,610 Against: 329	For: 14,414 Against: 2,729	For: 84.08% Against: 15.92%
Prop. B - Shall the City Charter of the City of Schertz be amended to increase the area for notification of disannexation from 200 feet to 1,000 feet from the area to be disannexed?	For: 1,785 Against: 644	For: 340 Against: 112	For: 8,276 Against: 3,157	For: 251 Against: 124	For: 65 Against: 19	For: 1,269 Against: 603	For: 11,986 Against: 4,659	For: 72.01% Against: 27.99%
Prop. C - Shall the City Charter of the City of Schertz be amended to clarify that any increase in city council compensation is not effective for members of the city council during the term which the increase is effectuated?	For: 1,809 Against: 703	For: 347 Against: 97	For: 9,311 Against: 2,506	For: 279 Against: 112	For: 60 Against: 24	For: 1439 Against: 510	For: 13,245 Against: 3,952	For: 77.02% Against: 22.98%
Prop. D - Shall the City Charter of the City of Schertz be amended to remove the signing of plats from the list of official documents required to be signed by the Mayor?	For: 1,352 Against: 1,050	For: 224 Against: 203	For: 6,337 Against: 4854	For: 205 Against: 172	For: 44 Against: 35	For: 981 Against: 882	For: 9143 Against: 7,196	For: 55.96% Against: 44.04%
Prop. E - Shall the City Charter of the City of Schertz be amended to clarify that no Mayor or Council Member may be employed by the City until two years after the expiration of their term of office?	For: 2,073 Against: 476	For: 389 Against: 65	For: 9,898 Against: 2072	For: 302 Against: 100	For: 73 Against: 12	For: 1,613 Against: 397	For: 14,348 Against: 3,122	For: 82.13% Against: 17.87%
Prop. F - Shall the City Charter of the City of Schertz be amended to remove unnecessary language?	For: 1,919 Against: 599	For: 359 Against: 99	For: 9,245 Against: 2,657	For: 273 Against: 123	For: 69 Against: 18	For: 1,437 Against: 581	For: 13,302 Against: 4,077	For: 76.54% Against: 23.46%

Prop. G. Shall the City Charter of the City of Schertz be amended to require that passage of an ordinance or resolution require one reading?	For: 1,740 Against: 680	For: 310 Against: 120	For: 8,438 Against: 2,961	For: 259 Against: 104	For: 67 Against; 14	For: 1,397 Against: 490	For: 12,211 Against: 4,369	For: 73.65% Against: 26.35
Prop. H. Shall the City Charter of the City of Schertz be amended to remove the requirement that the city manager become a resident of the city within four months after the date of his or her appointment?	For: 1,284 Against: 1,248	For: 268 Against: 180	For: 6,608 Against: 5,446	For: 210 Against: 186	For: 56 Against; 30	For: 1,156 Against: 877	For: 9,582 Against: 7,967	For: 54.60% Against: 45.60%
Prop. I Shall the City Charter of the City of Schertz be amended to remove the requirement for the city manager to establish a system to control the use and replacement of expendable items?	For: 1,200 Against: 1,218	For: 241 Against: 190	For: 5,913 Against: 5,379	For: 185 Against: 185	For: 45 Against: 34	For: 991 Against: 882	For: 8575 Against: 7,888	For: 52.09% Against: 47.91%
Prop. J Shall the City Charter of the City of Schertz be amended to remove the requirement for the city secretary to report administratively to the city manager?	For: 1,055 Against: 1,395	For: 207 Against: 224	For: 4,986 Against: 6,408	For: 167 Against: 214	For: 44 Against: 36	For: 827 Against: 1,076	For: 7,286 Against: 9,353	For: 43.79% Against: 56.21%
Prop. K Shall the City Charter of the City of Schertz be amended to change the percentage of voters required to sign an initiative or referendum petition from fifteen percent to ten percent?	For: 1,077 Against: 1,381	For: 191 Against: 247	For: 5,032 Against: 6,570	For: 156 Against; 232	For: 37 Against: 42	For: 802 Against: 1,123	For: 7,295 Against: 9,598	For: 43.18% Against: 56.82%
Prop. L- Shall the City Charter of the City of Schertz be amended to change the percentage of voters required to sign a recall petition from twenty percent fifteen percent?	For: 1,234 Against: 1,220 20	For: 230 Against: 207	For: 5,828 Against: 5,784	For: 195 Against: 192	For: 44 Against: 36	For: 931 Against: 990	For: 8,462 Against: 8,429	For: 50.10% Against: 49.90%
Prop. M- Shall the City Charter of the City of Schertz be amended to require the city council appoint a charter review commission not later than five years after the most recent charter review commission?	For: 2,040 Against: 349	For: 366 Against: 53	For: 9,562 Against; 1,589	For: 307 Against: 57	For; 75 Against: 5	For: 1,581 Against: 265	For: 13,931 Against: 2,318	For: 85.73% Against: 14.27%
Prop. N- Shall the City Charter of the City of Schertz be amended to provide that each member of the city council appoints a citizen to the charter review commission and the mayor appoints two citizens to the charter review commission, one of which shall be the chair?	For: 1,935 Against: 449	For: 352 Against: 69	For: 9,226 Against: 2,010	For: 291 Against: 76	For: 69 Against: 12	For: 1,553 Against: 315	For: 13,426 Against: 2,931	For: 82.08% Against: 17.92%

Prop. O - Shall the City Charter of the City of Schertz be amended to clarify that City Council shall hold a public hearing on a proposed disannexation not later than 30 days after the public hearing by the Planning and Zoning Commission?	For: 2,272	For: 385	For: 10,339	For: 349	For: 73	For: 1,718	For: 15,138	For: 90.94%
	Against: 217	Against: 32	Against: 1,046	Against: 33	Against: 3	Against: 177	Against: 1,508	Against: 9.06%
	Early Voting:	261,303		Election Day:	46,253		Total Votes Cast	307,556

Mayor Gutierrez asked for a motion to accept Resolution 24-R-156.

Moved by Councilmember Allison Heyward, seconded by Councilmember Tim Brown

AYE: Councilmember Mark Davis, Councilmember Paul Macaluso, Councilmember Allison Heyward, Councilmember Tim Brown

Passed

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3. Oath of Office(S.Edmondson)

- Officers-Oath of Office
 - Place 6-Oath of Office to Ms. Allison Heyward

City Secretary swore in Ms. Allison Heyward as Councilmember Place 6.

- Place 7-Oath of Office to Mr. Tim Brown

City Secretary swore in Tim Brown as Councilmember Place 7.

Comments by Councilmember Heyward:

Councilmember Heyward thanked the citizens of the City of Schertz for supporting her and voting her in for a new term.

Comments by Councilmember Brown:

Councilmember Brown thanked the citizens of the City of Schertz for supporting him and voting him in for a new term,

Adjournment

Mayor Gutierrez adjourned the meeting at 6:30 p.m.

Ralph Gutierrez, Mayor

ATTEST:

Sheree Courney, Deputy City Secretary