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MINUTES SPECIAL SESSION MEETING December 26, 2024

A Special Session Meeting was held by the Schertz City Council of the City of Schertz, Texas, on December 26, 2024, at 4:00 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 Robert Westbrook; Councilmember Mark Davis; Councilmember Michelle Watson; Councilmember Allison Heyward; Councilmember Tim Brown

Absent: Councilmember Paul Macaluso; Councilmember Place 4 (Vacant)

Staff present: City Manager Steve Williams; Assistant City Manager Sarah Gonzalez; City Secretary Sheila Edmondson; Deputy City Secretary Sheree Courney

Call to Order

Mayor Gutierrez called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

Opening Prayer and Pledges of Allegiance to the Flags of the United States and State of Texas. (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 Monday 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 residents signed up to speak during the Hearing of Residents.

Discussion and Action Items

1. **Resolution 24-R-162** - Approving a Resolution to canvass the returns and declaring the results of the December 14, 2024 Special Election, and other matters in connection therewith. (Mayor/Council/S.Edmondson)

Deputy City Secretary Sheree Courney introduced Resolution 24-R-162 to canvass the returns and declare the results of the December 14, 2024, Special Election as follows:

- Mr. Tim Dusek received 285 votes (28.99%)
- Mr. Ben Guerrero received 220 votes (22.38%)
- Ms. Heather Stamper received 164 votes (16.68%)
- Ms. Paula Del Toro received 173 votes (17.60%)
- Mr. Tyrone Taylor received 141 votes (14.34%)

Total votes cast were 983. No candidate received 50% plus 1.

Mayor Gutierrez asked for a motion to approve Resolution 24-R-162.

Moved by Councilmember Allison Heyward, seconded by Councilmember Michelle Watson

AYE: Mayor Pro-Tem Robert Westbrook, Councilmember Mark Davis,
Councilmember Michelle Watson, Councilmember Allison Heyward,
Councilmember Tim Brown

Passed

2. **Resolution 24-R-163** Approving a Resolution to call for a Runoff Election on January 18, 2025, 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)

Deputy City Secretary Sheree Courney presented Resolution 24-R-163 ordering a Runoff Election to be held January 18, 2025, with Guadalupe, Bexar, and Comal Counties and approving the Guadalupe County Election Contract to oversee the entire Runoff Election. No candidate received 50% plus 1 during the Special Election held December 14, 2024. Therefore, a Runoff Election is required in conformity with the City of Schertz Charter and State Election Code as amended. The candidates with the highest and second highest number of votes will be on the Runoff Election ballot.

The two candidates are:

- Mr. Tim Dusek with 285 votes (28.99%)
- Mr. Ben Guerrero with 220 votes (22.38%)

Early voting dates are January 2–14, 2025, from 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. No weekend voting.

Mayor Gutierrez asked for a motion to approve Resolution 24-R-163.

Moved by Councilmember Mark Davis, seconded by Councilmember Michelle Watson

AYE: Mayor Pro-Tem Robert Westbrook, Councilmember Mark Davis,
Councilmember Michelle Watson, Councilmember Allison Heyward,
Councilmember Tim Brown

Passed

Adjournment

Mayor Gutierrez adjourned the meeting at 4:06 p.m.

Ralph Gutierrez, Mayor

ATTEST:

Sheila Edmondson, City Secretary