

STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF HIDALGO
CITY OF MCALLEN

The McAllen Board of Commissioners convened in a Special Meeting on **Monday, May 10, 2021** at 1:00 pm, at McAllen City Hall Third Floor (3rd) Commission Chambers, with the following present:

Mayor Jim Darling, Mayor Pro Tem Veronica Whitacre, Commissioner Tania Ramirez, Commissioner Joaquin Zamora, Commissioner Omar Quintanilla, Commissioner Victor "Seby" Haddad and Commissioner Javier Villalobos

Staff: City Manager Roy Rodriguez, City Attorney Ike Tawil, Assistant City Manager Michelle Rivera, Assistant City Manager Jeff Johnston, Assistant City Manager Joe Vera, City Secretary Perla Lara

CALL TO ORDER

CANVASSING

- 1) **OFFICIAL CANVASS OF ELECTION RETURNS FOR THE CITY'S GENERA/SPECIAL AND CHARTER AMENDMENT ELECTIONS HELD MAY 1, 2021.**

The City Secretary distributed a spreadsheet depicting the election returns for the City's General Election held May, 1, 2021. Mayor Jim Darling read the total votes cast for each candidate as follows:

MAYOR

Sahid Rashid	1041
Veronica Vela Whitacre	2381
Michael Fallek	2269
Javier Villalobos	2610
Othal Brand Jr.	1749

Mayor Jim Darling announced that since no one candidate in the race for Mayor had the required majority votes to be elected, a Runoff Election would be held on June 5, 2021 between the top two candidates receiving the most votes as follows:

- Veronica Vela Whitacre
- Javier Villalobos

CITY COMMISSIONER DISTRICT ONE:

Timothy (Tim) Wilkins	723
Tony Aguirre Jr.	1188
Lucia (Lucy) Thompson	1004

Mayor Jim Darling announced that since no one candidate in the race for City Commissioner District 1 had the required majority votes to be elected, a Runoff Election would be held on June 5, 2021 between the top two candidates receiving the most votes as follows:

Tony Aguirre Jr.
Lucia (Lucy) Thompson

CITY COMMISSIONER DISTRICT TWO:

Joaquin "J.J." Zamora	1258
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Mayor Jim Darling announced that since Joaquin "J.J." Zamora was an unopposed candidate for the election: however, under law such office was required to remain on the ballot and received **1258**; Joaquin "J.J." Zamora was declared the winner. It was noted that Joaquin "J.J." Zamora having received a majority of votes cast was certified to be elected to the McAllen Board of Commission and shall commence his term of office upon adoption of the ordinance and the swearing of the oaths as required by law.

CITY COMMISSIONER DISTRICT THREE:

Mario Reyna	307
Omar Quintanilla	511
Thelma Tamez	313

Mayor Jim Darling announced that since no one candidate in the race for City Commissioner District 3 had the required majority votes to be elected, a Runoff Election would be held on June 5, 2021 between the top two candidates receiving the most votes as follows:

- Omar Quintanilla
- Thelma Tamez

McAllen Public Utility Board, Trustee Place A:

Charles Amos	6827
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Mayor Jim Darling announced that since Charles Amos was an unopposed candidate for the election: however, under law such office was required to remain on the ballot and received **6827**; Charles Amos was declared the winner. It was noted that Charles Amos having received a majority of votes cast was certified to be elected to the McAllen Public Utility Board and shall commence his term of office upon adoption of the ordinance and the swearing of the oaths as required by law.

McAllen Public Utility Board, Trustee Place D:

Ernie Williams	6683
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Mayor Jim Darling announced that since Charles Amos was an unopposed candidate for the election: however, under law such office was required to remain on the ballot and received **6683**; Ernie Williams was declared the winner. It was noted that Ernie Williams having received a majority of votes cast was certified to be elected to the McAllen Public Utility Board and shall commence his term of office upon adoption of the ordinance and the swearing of the oaths as required by law.

Mayor Pro Tem Veronica Whitacre moved to approve the election returns and the adoption of an ordinance certifying the official election results of the City of McAllen City Election held May 1, 2021, as canvassed. Commissioner Joaquin Zamora seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously by those present.

Special City Election - The City Secretary distributed a spreadsheet depicting the election returns for the City's Special Election held May, 1, 2021. Mayor Jim Darling read the total votes cast for each candidate as follows:

CITY COMMISSIONER DISTRICT SIX:

Mayra Gutierrez	240
Fernando Salinas	66
Pepe Cabeza de Vaca	880
Andrew Perez	169
Larry Esparza	479

McAllen Public Utility Board, Trustee Place B:

Ricardo (Ric) Godinez	4738
Jaime Enriquez	2176
Dawn K. Goldammer	1805

Ricardo Ric Godinez having received a majority of votes cast was certified to be elected to the McAllen Public Utility Board and shall commence his term of office upon adoption of the ordinance and the swearing of the oaths as required by law.

Commissioner Joaquin Zamora moved to approve the election returns and the adoption of an ordinance certifying the official election results of the City of McAllen Special Election held May 1, 2021, as canvassed. Commissioner Victor "Seby" Haddad seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously by those present.

Charter Amendment The City Secretary distributed a spreadsheet depicting the election returns for the City's Charter Amendment Election held May 1, 2021. Mayor Jim Darling read the total votes cast for each candidate as follows:

Proposition A - (Term Limits)

For	8566
Against	912

Proposition B - (Eligibility for Office)

For	8940
Against	496

Proposition C - (General Updates)

For	6990
Against	2299

Mayor Darling announced that the result of said election to be that each Proposition received a favorable majority vote in all respects and carried.

Mayor Pro Tem Veronica Whitacre moved to approve the election returns and the adoption of an ordinance certifying the official election results of the City of McAllen Charter Amendment Election held May 1, 2021, as canvassed. Commissioner Joaquin Zamora seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously by those present.

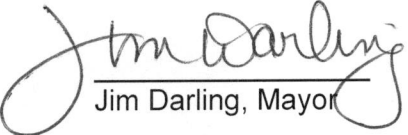
2. ORDINANCE CALLING A RUNOFF ELECTION IN THE CITY OF MCALLEN JUNE 5, 2021.

Staff recommended adoption of an ordinance calling for a Runoff Election in the City of McAllen June 5, 2021.

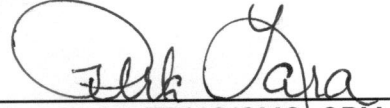
Commissioner Javier Villalobos moved to adopt the ordinance as recommended. Commissioner Joaquin Zamora seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the boards, the meeting was adjourned at 1:15 pm.


Jim Darling, Mayor

Attest:


Perla Lara, TRMC/CMC, CPM
City Secretary