

City Council
City of Hillsboro, Texas
Special Meeting
May 15, 2024

The Hillsboro City Council and City Staff conducted a City Council Special Session Meeting and Workshop on Wednesday, May 15, 2024. The meeting was held at Historic City Hall, 127 E. Franklin Street in Hillsboro, Texas at 6:00 p.m.

Present were:

Scott Johnson, Mayor	Megan Henderson, City Manager
Eric Fleming, Councilmember	Dale Snyder, Finance Director
Leann Richmond, Councilmember	Jasmine Guy, City Secretary
Dana Robinson, Council Member	Allyson Cliett, Special Projects Coordinator
Jay Jolly, Councilmember	Jessica Trew, Economic Development Coordinator
Frances Zarate, Councilmember	
Christi Ward, Communications & Executive Assistant	

Councilmember Larry Lloyd was absent.

Others present:

Shannon Cottongame, Reporter
Sergeant Justin Penney, Hillsboro Police Department
Judge Nicole Crain-City Judge

Mayor Johnson called the Special Meeting to order at 6:04p.m.

Hear Statements from Persons Wishing to Address Council

There were none

(Agenda Item #03)

Hold a Presentation of the Certification of Unopposed Candidates to Council by the City Secretary for the May 4, 2024 City Officials Election.

City Secretary, Jasmine Guy presented the unopposed candidates for the May 4, 2024 City Official's Election. Incumbents Councilmember Larry Lloyd (Place 2) and Councilmember Frances Zarate (Place 4) were unopposed in their bids for re-election.

No action was taken, presentation only.

(Agenda Item #04)

Deliberate and Act on a Resolution to Approve the Official Canvass of the Returns and Declaring the Results of the City Officials Election Held on May 4, 2024; Accepting the Certification of

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Unopposed Candidates and Declaring the City Officials Elected for the Terms Established by City Charter.

City Secretary, Jasmine Guy presented the agenda item. She shared that the City Officials Election was held on May 4, 2024 for Place 6 At-large. Matthew Southard filed to challenge incumbent Jay Jolly. The following votes were cast:

CANDIDATE	TOTAL VOTES
JAY JOLLY	114
MATTHEW SOUTHARD	24

City Secretary shared that the total number of voters totaled 138. She added that a spreadsheet of the breakdown of votes by precinct, amount of votes during early voting, absentee voting, and Election Day voting has been provided in the council packet. City Secretary Guy concluded by presenting the following persons elected to serve in the listed capacities.

- Larry Lloyd Councilmember, Place 2
- Frances Zarate Councilmember, Place 4
- Jay Jolly Councilmember, Place 6, At-large

There were no further questions or comments from the Councilmembers. On motion by Councilmember Richmond and second by Councilmember Robinson the resolution was accepted and approved.

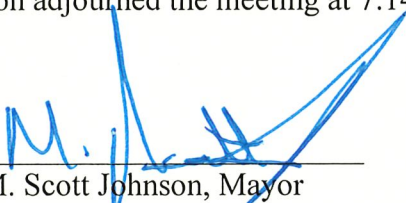
On roll call, the following votes were cast:
Ayes: Fleming, Robinson, Zarate, Richmond, and Jolly
Nays: None Absent: Lloyd
Resolution No. R2024-05-31

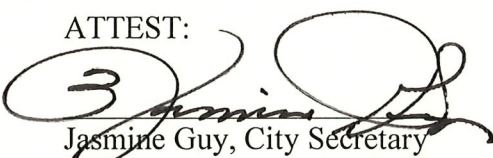
(Agenda Item #05)
Hold a Presentation to Administer the Oaths of Office and to Issue Certificates of Election
City Secretary, Jasmine Guy presented Judge Nicole Crain to administer the Oaths of Office to the councilmembers and Mayor Johnson to issue the Certificates of Election.

(Agenda Item #06)
Hold a Workshop Regarding Water Rates Restructuring and Overall Rate Increase
City Manager, Megan Henderson facilitated a workshop regarding the restructuring of the water rates. Council was provided with research and statistics regarding the current water rates and how the city has been undercharging residents for water. Council was presented with information from some surrounding cities regarding their water rates, usage, and revenue. It was noted that the city’s total anticipated costs is approximately 7 million dollars. This will be able to allot for current costs of water, increased maintenance, debt on capital improvements, and the Aquilla Project. However, the city’s current revenue is only 3 million. City Manager Henderson was able to present a draft model of what the rate increase is projected to look like based on customer class such as:

residential, commercial, multi-family, and irrigation. "Draft bills" will begin to be developed and sent out to residents in efforts to help residents begin planning for the increase and provide an illustration of what the water rates will look like in the weeks to come. City staff will be drafting an ordinance to present to council during the May 21st meeting and second reading will be held during the council meeting on June 4th. Increases will be implemented if the ordinance is accepted and approved upon completion of the second reading.

The workshop was for presentation purposes and no action was taken by the Council. With no further questions or business to address, Mayor Johnson adjourned the meeting at 7:14PM


M. Scott Johnson, Mayor

ATTEST:

Jasmine Guy, City Secretary

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