

STATE OF TEXAS

COUNTY OF FORT BEND

CITY OF RICHMOND



The City Commission for the City of Richmond, Texas met in Regular Session on May 13, 2016 at 4:30 p.m.

Mayor Moore proceeded to call the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m. A quorum was present, with the following members in attendance:

Evalyn W. Moore, Mayor
Glen Gilmore, Commissioner - Absent
Jesse Torres, Commissioner
Terri Vela, City Manager
Laura Scarlato, City Secretary
Gary Smith, City Attorney

The Mayor introduced agenda item A2 the Canvassing of the May 7th Election Results. The results were as follows and were read by the City Secretary Laura Scarlato.

CANDIDATES	FINAL
Carlos A. Garcia	135
Barry C. Beard	383
Tres D. Davis	133

Total Commissioner Votes **651**

These results have been certified by the Fort Bend County Election office and therefore, Mr. Barry C. Beard was declared the Commissioner of the City of Richmond filling the vacancy of the late Commissioner Glen Gilmore whose term had expired. No action was required

The results of the special election containing the five propositions were then read by the City Secretary.

PROPOSITION ONE

Shall Section 3.01 of the City Charter be amended to increase the number of City Commissioners from two (2) to four (4)?

Votes cast for 519 Votes cast against 111 Total Votes Cast
630

PROPOSITION TWO

Shall Section 3.01 of the City Charter be amended to require all City Commissioners to be elected from single member districts?

Votes cast for 291 Votes cast against 333 Total Votes Cast
624

PROPOSITION THREE

Shall section 6.05 of the City Charter be amended to increase the number of signatures required for a petition for Initiative or Referendum from thirty percent (30%) of the number of votes cast at the last general election of the City or one hundred and fifty (150), whichever is greater to thirty percent (30%) of the number of votes cast at the last general election of the City or three hundred (300), whichever is greater?

Votes cast for 362 Votes cast against 252 Total Votes Cast
614

PROPOSITION FOUR

Shall section 6.11 of the City Charter be amended to increase the number of signatures required for a petition for Recall from thirty percent (30%) of the number of votes cast at the last general election of the City or one hundred and fifty (150), whichever is greater to thirty percent (30%) of the number of votes cast at the last general election of the City or three hundred (300), whichever is greater?

Votes cast for 361 Votes cast against 249 Total Votes Cast
610

PROPOSITION FIVE

Shall section 7.18 of the City Charter be amended to eliminate the requirement of publishing the summary of the annual audit and instead make the full audit available for public review?

Votes cast for 407
616

Votes cast against 209

Total Votes Cast

No action was needed for this agenda item, therefore the item was closed.

Agenda item A3 to review and consider approving the Ordinance No. 2016-12, Certifying the General Election Results of May 7, 2016. City Manager Terri Vela stated that Barry Beard will serve a 3 year term as the Commissioner for the City of Richmond. Commissioner Torres made the motion to approve Ordinance No. 2016-12 Certifying the General Election Results of May 7, 2016. Mayor Moore seconded the motion and the votes were unanimous.

Agenda item A4 to review and consider approving the Ordinance No. 2016-13, Certifying the Special Election Results of May 7, 2016. City Manager Vela stated there were five propositions on the ballot. Commissioner Torres made the motion to approve Ordinance No. 2016-14, Certifying the Special Election Results of May 7, 2016 with Mayor Moore seconding the motion. There were two "ayes" and no "nays" to approve the Ordinance.


Mayor Moore introduced agenda item A5 to administer the Oath of Office to the Newly Elected Official. City Secretary, Laura Scarlato administered the Oath of Office to Mr. Barry Beard. No other action required.

Agenda item A6 to discuss propositions and next steps was introduced by City Manager, Terri Vela providing a brief description and then referring to City Attorney Gary Smith to address the Commission. City Attorney Smith stated there was not a transitional provision in the proposition for the additional Commission members once they are elected. It was stated the clock starts on May 13, 2016 with the City having 120 days to hold an election. A letter has been prepared for the Secretary of State of which a certified copy of the Ordinance No. 2016-14 will be included. The 120 days falls on September 10th with the preceding weekend being a holiday. There will be a fee associated with the election contingent on the number of polling places and days. Due to the terms being three years, requires a majority vote. City Attorney Smith is suggesting that the Commissioners be assigned positions with Commissioner Torres being #1 and Commissioner Beard being #2. The candidates will register to run for positions #3 and #4. In section 3.01

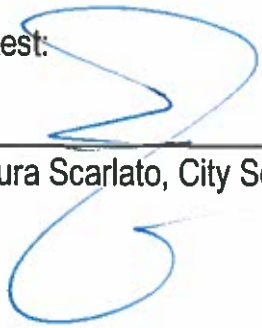
Composition the Commissioners shall be number 1, 2, 3, and 4. Commissioner positions 1 and 3 shall be elected in the same year. Commissioners 2 and 4 shall be elected in the same year. Except in the event of an election to fill a vacant position, the Mayor and any Commissioner shall not face election in the same year. The filing deadline for a place on the ballot will be Monday, July 11, 2016. All other time periods and deadlines are the same as other elections.

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 4:52.

APPROVED:


Evalyn W. Moore, Mayor

Attest:



Laura Scarlato, City Secretary