



**CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING
WEDNESDAY, MAY 17, 2023 – 5:30 P.M.
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY HALL
910 S. FRIENDSWOOD DRIVE
FRIENDSWOOD, TEXAS 77546**

AGENDA

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. INVOCATION

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – United States and State of Texas

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

In order to comply with the provisions of the Texas Open Meetings Act, the City Council may not deliberate any item not listed on the agenda, as such, the City Council will listen to public comment and may (i) refer the item to City Management for further action or (ii) direct staff for the placement of said item on a future agenda. During public comment, the public shall comply with rules of decorum.

5. BUSINESS ITEMS

- A. Consider authorizing the City Manager to negotiate and enter into an agreement for broker and consulting services for the City of Friendswood employee insurance and benefits (RFP2023-11).

6. COUNCIL COMMENTS AND REPORTS

Notice is hereby given in accordance with Section 551.0415 of the Texas Government Code, the City Council of the City of Friendswood may receive reports about items of community interest from City staff and/or a member of the City Council, but no action or possible action shall be taken or discussed concerning the subject of such report.

- A. Recognize Councilmember John Scott for his 12 years of service on the City of Friendswood City Council.

7. ELECTION CANVASS

- A. Canvass the returns of the City of Friendswood General Election held on May 6, 2023.
B. Consider an ordinance declaring the results of the City of Friendswood General Election held on May 6, 2023.

8. SWEARING-IN CEREMONY

- A. Administer the oaths of office to Sally Harris Branson, Councilmember Position No. Two, and to Joe Matranga, Councilmember Position No. Five.

9. ADJOURNMENT

PUBLIC NOTICE IS GIVEN THAT IN ADDITION TO ANY EXECUTIVE SESSION LISTED ABOVE, THE CITY COUNCIL RESERVES THE RIGHT TO ADJOURN INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT ANY TIME AS AUTHORIZED BY THE TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE SECTIONS 551.071 - 551.090 TO DISCUSS ANY MATTERS LISTED ABOVE.

THE CITY OF FRIENDSWOOD IS COMMITTED TO COMPLIANCE WITH THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT. REASONABLE ACCOMMODATIONS AND EQUAL ACCESS TO COMMUNICATIONS WILL BE PROVIDED UPON REQUEST. PLEASE CONTACT THE CITY SECRETARY'S OFFICE BY PHONE AT (281) 996-3270, FAX (281) 482-1634, OR CONTACT (281) 996-3270 VIA RELAY TEXAS AT 711 OR 1-800-735-2988 FOR TYY SERVICES. FOR MORE INFORMATION CONCERNING RELAY TEXAS, PLEASE VISIT: [HTTP://RELAYTEXAS.COM](http://RELAYTEXAS.COM).



Leticia Brysch, City Secretary
Posted in compliance with the Open Meetings Act on this
11th day of May 2023, at 6:00 p.m.

FRIENDSWOOD CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM FORM

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Date requested for City Council consideration: May 17, 2023

Date submitted: 03/24/2023

Prepared by: Leticia Brysch, City Secretary

Subject: Recognize Councilmember John Scott for his 12 years of service on the City of Friendswood City Council.

Originating Department: City Secretary

Degree of importance:

SUMMARY / ORIGINATING CAUSE

This item allows the members of the council to recognize outgoing councilmember John Scott for his years of service to the City of Friendswood.

IMMINENT CONSEQUENCES / BENEFIT TO COMMUNITY

RECOMMENDATIONS

ATTACHMENTS

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Date submitted: 03/24/2023

Prepared by: Leticia Brysch, City Secretary

Subject: Canvass the returns of the City of Friendswood General Election held on May 6, 2023.

Originating Department: City Secretary

Degree of importance: High importance.

SUMMARY / ORIGINATING CAUSE

Pursuant to Chapter 67 of the Texas Election Code, the "canvass" is the name given to the official examination of the votes cast in an election. Every general and special election held in Texas must be canvassed per Sections 67.001 and 67.002 of the Texas Election Code. The law imposes an unavoidable duty on political subdivisions to canvass elections in an official meeting in order to formally accept the results of an election.

This canvass will make the results of the City of Friendswood General Election held on May 6, 2023, final and official. These results include all election day, early voting by personal appearance and by mail, and provisional votes for the offices of Councilmember Position Nos. Two and Five.

IMMINENT CONSEQUENCES / BENEFIT TO COMMUNITY

This is a duty required under the Texas Election Code and is necessary to make the election results official.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Complete the canvass as required under State Law.

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Date submitted: 03/24/2023

Prepared by: Leticia Brysch, City Secretary

Subject: Consider an ordinance declaring the results of the City of Friendswood General Election held on May 6, 2023.

Originating Department: City Secretary

Degree of importance: High Importance.

SUMMARY / ORIGINATING CAUSE

This proposed ordinance declares the results of the City of Friendswood General and Special Elections held on Saturday, May 6, 2023, in which residents voted for Councilmember Position Nos. Two and Five.

IMMINENT CONSEQUENCES / BENEFIT TO COMMUNITY

Legal requirement to declare election results official.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Staff recommends approval.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Ordinance - Election Results

ORDINANCE NO. 2023-14

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FRIENDSWOOD, TEXAS, DECLARING THE RESULTS OF THE MUNICIPAL ELECTION HELD MAY 6, 2023, CONCERNING THE ELECTION OF COUNCILMEMBERS FOR POSITION NUMBERS TWO (2) AND FIVE (5) OF THE CITY OF FRIENDSWOOD CITY COUNCIL; AND PROVIDING FOR THE EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Friendswood on February 6, 2023, ordered a general election to be held on May 6, 2023, for the purpose of electing Councilmembers for Position Numbers Two (2) and Five (5) of the City of Friendswood; and

WHEREAS, on May 6, 2023, the above-referenced election was held under and pursuant to the provisions of the ordinances calling such election as well as the provisions of the City's Charter and state law; and

WHEREAS, between May 8, 2023, and May 16, 2023, the early voting ballot boards of Harris and Galveston Counties met to qualify ballots by mail and to verify and count provisional ballots pursuant to Chapter 65 of the Texas Election Code; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Chapter 67 of the Texas Election Code, the City Council of the City of Friendswood, at a council meeting held on May 17, 2023, canvassed the returns of the general election called for the purpose of electing a Councilmember to Position Number Two (2) and a Councilmember to Position Number Five (5) from the City at-large; (the "Election"); and

WHEREAS, the notices of the Election having been duly and properly given as required by law and as provided in the ordinance calling each such election, the Election having been duly and regularly held according to law, the returns thereof having been duly made and the Election Judges having certified the results of the Election as hereinafter set out, and the City Council having duly and regularly canvassed the returns of the Election, the City Council finds that the total votes cast at the Election were as follows:

COUNCILMEMBER, POSITION NO. TWO

Sally Harris Branson.....1617 votes

COUNCILMEMBER, POSITION NO. FIVE

Joe Matranga.....1,059 votes

Adam Hill999 votes

(collectively "Election Returns"); and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Friendswood finds the Election Returns set out above to be accurate and correct and that no election protest or contest has been filed with the City Council or instituted in connection with the Election Returns; NOW THEREFORE,

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FRIENDSWOOD, STATE OF TEXAS:

Section 1. The facts and matters set forth in the preamble of this ordinance are hereby found to be true and correct.

Section 2. That the City Council of the City of Friendswood, Texas, further finds that the notice of the Election was duly and properly given as required by law and as provided in the ordinance calling the Election and that the Election was duly and regularly held and the returns thereof duly and regularly made by the proper officials of said Election and in all things according to law.

Section 3. That Sally Harris Branson received a majority of the votes cast at the election for the office of Councilmember, Position Number Two (2), and accordingly, Sally Harris Branson is hereby declared elected to the office of Councilmember, Position Number Two (2) of the City of Friendswood.

Section 4. That Joe Matranga received a majority of the votes cast at the election for the office of Councilmember, Position Number Five (5), and accordingly, Joe Matranga is hereby declared elected to the office of Councilmember, Position Number Five (5) of the City of Friendswood.

Section 5. This ordinance shall take effect immediately from and after its passage by the City Council of the City of Friendswood, Texas.

PASSED, APPROVED and ADOPTED by the affirmative vote of the City Council of the City of Friendswood on this the 17th day of May, 2023.

MIKE FOREMAN, Mayor

ATTEST:

LETICIA BRYSCH, City Secretary

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

KAREN HORNER, City Attorney

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Prepared by: Leticia Brysch, City Secretary

Subject: Administer the oaths of office to Sally Harris Branson, Councilmember Position No. Two, and to Joe Matranga, Councilmember Position No. Five.

Originating Department: City Secretary

Degree of importance: High importance.

SUMMARY / ORIGINATING CAUSE

Judge James Woltz will administer the oaths of office to Sally Harris Branson, Councilmember Position No. Two, and to Joe Matranga, Councilmember Position No. Five.

IMMINENT CONSEQUENCES / BENEFIT TO COMMUNITY

Completes the qualifications of incoming councilmembers.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Staff recommends the administration of these oaths of office.

ATTACHMENTS