

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FRIENDSWOOD
MAY 17, 2023**

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FRIENDSWOOD MET IN A SPECIAL MEETING ON WEDNESDAY, MAY 17, 2023, AT 5:30 P.M. IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, FRIENDSWOOD CITY HALL, LOCATED AT 910 S. FRIENDSWOOD DRIVE, FRIENDSWOOD, TEXAS, WITH THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS PRESENT CONSTITUTING A QUORUM:

Steve Rockey	Councilmember
Sally Branson	Councilmember
Trish Hanks	Councilmember
John Scott	Councilmember
Brent Erenwert	Mayor Pro Tem
Mike Foreman	Mayor
Morad Kabiri	City Manager
Karen Horner	City Attorney
Leticia Brysch	City Secretary

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Foreman called the meeting to order with a quorum present at 5:32 P.M.; all members were present with the exception of Councilmember Griffon who was absent.

INVOCATION

The invocation was led by City Manager Morad Kabiri.

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

Mayor Foreman led the Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance for both the United States and the State of Texas.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

Mayor Foreman stated that there were no speakers and moved onto the next item.

4. 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).**

A motion was made by Councilmember Branson and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Erenwert, to authorize the City Manager to pick a firm and enter into an Agreement for broker and consulting services for City of Friendswood employee insurance and benefits. The vote was the following:

Ayes: Mayor Mike Foreman, Councilmember Trish Hanks, Councilmember Steve Rockey, Councilmember Sally Branson, Councilmember John Scott, and Mayor Pro Tem Brent Erenwert.

Nays: None.

Other: Councilmember Robert J. Griffon (Absent)

5. COUNCIL COMMENTS AND REPORTS

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

Mayor and Councilmembers spoke of their experiences in serving with Councilmember Scott and provided stories and well wishes as he moved on from serving on the Council.

Councilmember Scott thanked everyone and expressed his gratitude to the Council and City Staff for their hard work and continued efforts for the citizens of Friendswood.

6. ELECTION CANVASS

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

City Secretary Lettie Brysch handed the sealed election results to the City Council for the May 6, 2023, General Election for their review and tabulation. Mayor Foreman read the following tabulated results:

The voter summary was as follows:

VOTER SUMMARY	NUMBER OF VOTERS
TOTAL ABSENTEE BALLOTS CAST	37
EARLY VOTING VOTES CAST	2,595
ELECTION DAY VOTES CAST	1,043
PROVISIONAL VOTES CAST	0
NUMBER OF REGISTERED VOTERS	29,789
NUMBER OF VOTERS THAT VOTED	2,061
VOTER TURNOUT	6.92%

The General Election summary was as follows:

GENERAL ELECTION					
CANDIDATES		TOTAL VOTES CAST			
		Galveston	Harris	Total	%
Councilmember Position No. 2	Sally Harris Branson	1523	94	1617	100.00%
	N/A				
TOTALS				1617	100.00%
CANDIDATES		TOTAL VOTES CAST			
		Galveston	Harris	Total	%
Councilmember Position No. 5	Joe Matranga	1005	54	1059	51.46%
	Adam Hill	931	68	999	48.54%
TOTALS				2058	100.00%

Mayor Foreman delivered the election return tally lists, early voting and election day results along with all supporting documentation to the City Secretary, the custodian of election records, who shall preserve them for the required retention period. At 5:53 P.M., Mayor Foreman concluded the canvass of the City's May 6, 2023, General Election.

B. Consider an ordinance declaring the results of the city of Friendswood General Election held on May 6, 2023.

A motion was made by Councilmember Rockey and seconded by Councilmember Hanks to approve Ordinance No. 2023-14, regarding Agenda Item 7.A. The vote was the following:

Ayes: Mayor Mike Foreman, Councilmember Trish Hanks, Councilmember Steve Rockey, Councilmember Sally Branson, Councilmember John Scott, and Mayor Pro Tem Brent Erenwert.

Nays: None.

Other: Councilmember Robert J. Griffon (Absent)

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 COUNCIL; AND PROVIDING FOR THE EFFECTIVE DATE.

7. SWEARING-IN CEREMONY

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

Mayor Foreman presented the certificate of election, and Municipal Court Judge James Woltz administered the oath of office and statement of elected official for Councilmember Sally Harris Branson.

Mayor Foreman presented the certificate of election, and Municipal Court Judge James Woltz administered the oath office and statement of elected official for Councilmember Joe Matranga.

Mayor Foreman congratulated Councilmember Branson and Councilmember Matranga and welcomed all those present to partake of the incoming council reception after the meeting.

8. ADJOURNMENT

With there being no further business to discuss, Mayor Foreman adjourned the March 17, 2023, City Council Special Meeting at 6:00 P.M.


Mike Foreman, Mayor

Attest:


Leticia Brysch, City Secretary

