

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FRIENDSWOOD
MAY 14, 2024**

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FRIENDSWOOD MET IN A SPECIAL MEETING ON TUESDAY, MAY 14, 2024, AT 5:00 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	Mayor Pro Tem
Sally Branson	Councilmember
Trish Hanks	Councilmember
Joe Matranga	Councilmember
Brent Erenwert	Councilmember
 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 5:02 P.M.; all members were present.

2. INVOCATION

The invocation was led by David Lorenz, Senior Pastor, First Baptist Friendswood.

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

Pastor Lorenz led the Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance for both the United States and the State of Texas.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

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

5. COUNCIL COMMENTS AND REPORTS

A. Recognize Councilmember Steve Rockey for his 12 years of service to the City of Friendswood City Council.

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

Mayor Pro Tem Rockey thanked everyone and expressed his gratitude to the Council and City Staff for their hard work and continued efforts for the citizens of Friendswood. Mayor Pro Tem Rockey also provided gifts to the sitting members of Council as well as those with whom he served in previous years.

6. ELECTION CANVASS

A. Canvass the returns of the City of Friendswood Special Election held on May 4, 2024.

City Secretary Lettie Brysch handed the sealed election results to the City Council for the May 4, 2024, Special 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	213
EARLY VOTING VOTES CAST	1,123
ELECTION DAY VOTES CAST	455
PROVISIONAL VOTES CAST	0
NUMBER OF REGISTERED VOTERS	30,639
NUMBER OF VOTERS THAT VOTED	1,791
VOTER TURNOUT	5.85%

The General Election summary was as follows:

SPECIAL ELECTION						
Ballot Language		TOTAL VOTES CAST				
		Absentee Voting	Early Voting	Election Day	Total	%
PROPOSITION NO. A -THE REAUTHORIZATION OF THE LOCAL SALES AND USE TAX IN THE CITY OF FRIENDSWOOD AT THE RATE OF THREE-EIGHTHS OF ONE PERCENT TO CONTINUE PROVIDING REVENUE FOR MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR OF MUNICIPAL STREETS. THE TAX EXPIRES ON THE FOURTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE DATE OF THIS ELECTION UNLESS THE IMPOSITION OF THE TAX IS REAUTHORIZED.	FOR	188	861	321	1370	76.49%
	AGAINST	25	262	134	421	23.51%
PASSED	TOTALS	213	1123	455	1791	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 5:28 P.M., Mayor Foreman concluded the canvass of the City's May 4, 2024, Special Election.

B. Consider an ordinance declaring the results of the city of Friendswood Special Election held on May 4, 2024.

A motion was made by Councilmember Erenwert and seconded by Councilmember Branson to approve Ordinance No. 2024-15, regarding Agenda Item 6.B. The vote was the following:

Ayes: Mayor Mike Foreman, Councilmember Trish Hanks, Mayor Pro Tem Steve Rockey, Councilmember Sally Branson, Councilmember Joe Matranga, Councilmember Robert J. Griffon and Councilmember Brent Erenwert.

Nays: None.

ORDINANCE NO. 2024-15

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FRIENDSWOOD, TEXAS, DECLARING THE RESULTS OF THE SPECIAL ELECTION HELD MAY 4, 2024, CONCERNING THE REAUTHORIZATION OF THE LOCAL SALES AND USE TAX IN THE CITY OF FRIENDSWOOD AT THE RATE OF THREE-EIGHTHS OF ONE PERCENT TO CONTINUE PROVIDING REVENUE FOR MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR OF MUNICIPAL STREETS; MAKING OTHER PROVISIONS RELATED TO SUCH ELECTION; AND PROVIDING FOR THE EFFECTIVE DATE.

7. SWEARING-IN CEREMONY

A. Administer the oath of office to Mike Foreman for the office of Mayor, John Ellisor for the office of Councilmember, Position No. 1, and Trish Hanks for the office of Councilmember, Position No. 3.

Mayor Foreman presented the certificate of election, and District Court Judge Kerry Neves administered the oath of office and statement of elected official to Councilmember John Ellisor.

Mayor Foreman presented the certificate of election, and Municipal Court Judge James Woltz administered the oath of office and statement of elected official to Councilmember Trish Hanks.

Mayor Foreman received the certificate of election, and Municipal Court Judge James Woltz administered the oath of office and statement of elected official to Mayor Mike Foreman.

8. ADJOURNMENT

A. Consider the election of the Mayor Pro Tem.

A motion was made by Councilmember Hanks and seconded by Councilmember Griffon to approve the election of Councilmember Joe Matranga to serve as Mayor Pro Tem for the next year. The vote was the following:

Ayes: Mayor Mike Foreman, Councilmember Trish Hanks, Councilmember John Ellisor, Councilmember Sally Branson, Councilmember Joe Matranga, Councilmember Robert J. Griffon and Councilmember Brent Erenwert.

Nays: None.

9. ADJOURNMENT

With there being no further business to discuss, Mayor Foreman adjourned the May 14, 2024, City Council Special Meeting at 5:39 P.M.


Mike Foreman, Mayor

Attest:


Leticia Brysch, City Secretary

