

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FRIENDSWOOD
MAY 14, 2025**

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FRIENDSWOOD MET IN A SPECIAL MEETING ON WEDNESDAY, MAY 14, 2025, 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:

John Ellisor	Councilmember
Sally Branson	Councilmember
Joe Matranga	Mayor Pro Tem
Brent Erenwert	Councilmember
 Mike Foreman	 Mayor
 Morad Kabiri	 City Manager
Karen Horner	City Attorney
Raquel Martinez	City Secretary

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Foreman called the meeting to order with a quorum present at 5:00 P.M.; All members were present with the exception of Councilmember Robert J. Griffon and Councilmember Trish Hanks who were absent.

2. INVOCATION

The invocation was led by Chaplain Moe Mays, of the Friendswood Police Department.

3. 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.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Rusty Burkett requested to speak before the Council to thank Councilmember Erenwert for his service on the Council and to the community.

Mr. Kevin Holland requested to speak before the Council to note his concerns related to the Galveston County Drainage District.

5. COUNCIL COMMENTS AND REPORTS

A. Recognize Councilmember Brent Erenwert for his six (6) years of service to the City of Friendswood City Council.

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

Mayor Foreman presented Councilmember Erenwert parting gifts recognizing his years of service. He also gifted Mrs. Erenwert a flower arrangement in recognition of her loving and committed support to Councilmember Erenwert's service to the community.

Councilmember Erenwert read a statement thanking his family, members of the Council and the community for their support and collaboration throughout the last 6 years of service on the City Council.

6. FOURTH OF JULY GRAND MARSHAL

A. Consider a resolution amending the Grand Marshal Selection Policy.

City Manager Morad Kabiri presented the item and stated that about two years ago, the Council adopted a Grand Marshal Policy and set a deadline for which applications must be submitted. Unfortunately, this year, no nominations were received prior to that deadline, so the proposed amendment allows the mayor to extend that deadline on those years in which timely nominations are not received.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Matranga and seconded by Councilmember Branson approving Resolution No. R2025-21 amending the Grand Marshal Selection Policy as submitted. The vote was the following:

Ayes: Mayor Mike Foreman, Councilmember John Ellisor, Councilmember Sally Branson, Mayor Pro Tem Joe Matranga, and Councilmember Brent Erenwert

Nays: None

Absent: Councilmember Trish Hanks and Councilmember Robert J. Griffon.

The item passed unanimously.

RESOLUTION NO. R2025-21

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FRIENDSWOOD, TEXAS, AMENDING THE GRAND MARSHAL SELECTION POLICY FOR THE CITY OF FRIENDSWOOD'S 4TH OF JULY GRAND PARADE ADOPTED VIA RESOLUTION NO. R2023-16 ON JULY 10, 2023; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

B. Consider approving a nomination for 4th of July Parade Grand Marshal.

Mayor Foreman stated that the Parks and Recreation Department staff came up with this great recommendation to nominate Captain Wilmore who has had three space flights, the last of which was a 10-day mission to the International Space Station that lasted nine months. Mayor Foreman stated that he was honored to have such a deserving individual serve as the City's Fourth of July Grand Marshal.

A motion was made by Councilmember Branson and seconded by Councilmember Erenwert to appoint Captain Barry Wilmore, U.S. Navy, Retired and NASA Astronaut as the 4th of July Grand Parade Marshall. The vote was the following:

Ayes: Mayor Mike Foreman, Councilmember John Ellisor, Councilmember Sally Branson, Mayor Pro Tem Joe Matranga, and Councilmember Brent Erenwert

Nays: None

Absent: Councilmember Trish Hanks and Councilmember Robert J. Griffon.

The item passed unanimously.

7. BUSINESS ITEMS

A. Consider authorizing a contract with international Library Services, Inc. for the purchase ILS AutoLend Library kiosk including its related software, hardware and service maintenance.

City Manager Morad Kabiri presented the item and stated that this item is the results of the Friends of the Library's efforts to raise funds as part of the 2025 Library Gala. This kiosk will have the capacity to hold up to 400 items, including both hard cover books, soft cover books, DVDs, games, and audio books, and will allow folks to utilize the Library that can't make it to the Library building itself.

Mayor Pro Tem Matranga extended his gratitude to the Friends of the Library for providing the funding to purchase this kiosk. Mayor Foreman noted that while the City financially supports the Library's operations, the kiosk is an enhancement donated to the City through the dedicated support of a group of community members whose fundraising efforts help enhance our Library services. Lastly, Mayor Foreman thanked City Library Director Matt Riley for his leadership, vision and collaboration with local partners and stakeholders such as the Friends of the Library.

A motion was made by Councilmember Ellisor and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Matranga authorizing a contract with international Library Services, Inc. for the purchase ILS AutoLend Library kiosk including its related software, hardware and service maintenance. The vote was the following:

Ayes: Mayor Mike Foreman, Councilmember John Ellisor, Councilmember Sally Branson, Mayor Pro Tem Joe Matranga, and Councilmember Brent Erenwert

Nays: None

Absent: Councilmember Trish Hanks and Councilmember Robert J. Griffon.

The item passed unanimously.

8. ELECTION CANVASS

A. Canvass the returns of the City of Friendswood Special Election held on May 3, 2025.

City Secretary Raquel Martinez handed the sealed election results to the City Council for the May 3, 2025, Special Election for their review and tabulation. At 5:31 P.M., Mayor Foreman began the canvass and read the following tabulated results:

The voter summary was the following:

VOTER SUMMARY	TOTAL
ABSENTEE VOTES CAST	50
EARLY VOTING VOTES CAST	2,938
ELECTION DAY VOTES CAST	1,587
PROVISIONAL VOTES CAST	0/0/0
NUMBER OF REGISTERED VOTERS	30,550
NUMBER OF VOTERS THAT VOTED	2,540
VOTER TURNOUT	8.31%

The General Election summary was the following:

GENERAL ELECTION													
CANDIDATES		ABSENTEE VOTING			EARLY VOTING			ELECTION DAY			TOTAL VOTES CAST		
		Galveston	Harris	Sum Total	Galveston	Harris	Sum Total	Galveston	Harris	Sum Total	Galveston	Harris	Total %
Councilmember Position No. 4	Robert J. Griffon	19	2	21	1232	79	1311	576	127	703	1827	208	2035 100.00%
	N/A	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00%
TOTALS				21			1311			703			2035 100.00%
CANDIDATES		ABSENTEE VOTING			EARLY VOTING			ELECTION DAY			TOTAL VOTES CAST		
		Galveston	Harris	Sum Total	Galveston	Harris	Sum Total	Galveston	Harris	Sum Total	Galveston	Harris	Total %
Councilmember Position No. 6	Tom Hinokley	11	3	14	729	33	762	268	38	306	1008	74	1082 42.60%
	Michael P. Ross	13	2	15	805	60	865	458	120	578	1276	182	1458 57.40%
TOTALS				29			1627			884			2540 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 5:34 P.M., Mayor Foreman concluded the canvass of the City's May 3, 2025, General Election.

B. Consider an ordinance declaring the results of the City of Friendswood General Election held on May 3, 2025.

A motion was made by Councilmember Erenwert and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Matranga to approve Ordinance No. 2025-18, declaring the results of the results of the City of Friendswood General Election held on May 3, 2025, as submitted. The vote was the following:

Ayes: Mayor Mike Foreman, Councilmember John Ellisor, Councilmember Sally Branson, Mayor Pro Tem Joe Matranga, and Councilmember Brent Erenwert.

Nays: None.

Absent: Councilmember Trish Hanks and Councilmember Robert J. Griffon.

The item passed unanimously.

ORDINANCE NO. 2025-18

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FRIENDSWOOD, TEXAS, DECLARING THE RESULTS OF THE MUNICIPAL ELECTION HELD MAY 3, 2025, CONCERNING THE ELECTION OF COUNCILMEMBERS FOR POSITION NUMBERS FOUR (4) AND SIX (6) OF THE CITY OF FRIENDSWOOD COUNCIL; AND PROVIDING FOR THE EFFECTIVE DATE.

9. SWEARING-IN CEREMONY

A. Administer the oath of office to Michael P. Ross for the office of Councilmember Position No. 6.

Mayor Foreman presented the certificate of election, and Municipal Court Judge James Woltz administered the oath of office and statement of elected official to Michael P. Ross.

10. ADJOURNMENT

With there being no further business to discuss, Mayor Foreman adjourned the May 14, 2025, City Council Special Meeting at 5:46 P.M.

Attest:


Raquel Martinez, City Secretary




Mike Foreman, Mayor