

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO, HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, MUNICIPAL PLAZA BUILDING, MONDAY, MAY 5, 1997.

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97-19 The special meeting was called to order at 3:00 p.m. by the Presiding Officer, Mayor William E. Thornton, with the following members present: Flores, Lott, Vasquez, Marbut, Peak, Webster and Thornton. **Absent:** Billa Burke, Avila, Herrera, Ross.

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City Clerk Norma S. Rodriguez spoke to the official canvass of election results from the election of May 3, 1997, and read from a prepared document, a copy of which is made a part of the papers of this meeting. She described how the official canvass will work, including the comparing of unofficial to official numbers. She then addressed one-vote differences in the voting totals for the Mayor's race and that of District 3, then defined 'undervotes' and 'overvotes'.

City Council members present then performed all necessary functions to accomplish the official vote canvass for the May 3, 1997 election, and reconciled the totals.

City Clerk Rodriguez then noted that, in Precinct 1048, where voting for the City of San Antonio election and that of the Harlandale Independent School District was co-located in the same site, one ballot from the City election inadvertently was placed into the ballot box for the school district ballots. She again defined 'undervotes' and 'overvotes' and also spoke to other differences discovered in the ballots, explaining each and identifying the affected voting precinct. She then spoke to the security process involved in this voting system in use, including how votes also are 'packed up' on diskettes for security purposes.

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City Clerk Rodriguez then read the following ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE 85964

DECLARING THE RESULTS OF THE CANVASS OF THE JOINT AND SPECIAL ELECTION HELD ON MAY 3, 1997; ORDERING A RUN-OFF ELECTION FOR THE CITY COUNCIL PLACES 2, 4, 6, AND 11 (MAYOR) TO BE HELD ON MAY 27, 1997; ESTABLISHING EARLY VOTING SITES AND REGULAR POLLING PLACES FOR THE RUN-OFF ELECTION; AND NAMING AN EARLY VOTING BALLOT BOARD AND A SIGNATURE VERIFICATION COMMITTEE; AND RELATED MATTERS IN CONNECTION WITH THE MAY 3, 1997 JOINT AND SPECIAL ELECTION AND THE MAY 27, 1997 RUN-OFF ELECTION.

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Mr. Flores made a motion to approve the proposed Ordinance. Mr. Webster seconded the motion.

After consideration, the motion carrying with it the passage of the Ordinance, prevailed by the following vote: **AYES:** Flores, Lott, Vasquez, Marbut, Peak, Webster, Thornton; **NAYS:** None; **ABSENT:** Billa Burke, Avila, Herrera, Ross.

Mayor Thornton then issued the appropriate Certificates of Election to Ms. Debra Guerrero, District 3; Mr. Ed Garza, District 7; and Mr. Tim Bannwolf, District 9, all elected outright without runoff. He also issued the appropriate Certificates of Election to Mr. Roger Flores, District 1; Mr. Rick Vasquez, District 5; Mr. Robert Marbut, District 8; and Mr. Jeff Webster, District 10, all re-elected outright without runoff.

City Clerk Rodriguez then administered the Statement of Elected Officer to the newly-elected and newly-re-elected City Council members cited above. Those statements then were thermofaxed directly to the Office of the Secretary of State in Austin for recordation and filing, a requirement of law prior to the actual swearing-in of these Council members.

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City Clerk Norma S. Rodriguez then read the following ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE 85965

DECLARING THE RESULTS OF THE CANVASS OF THE SPECIAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION HELD ON THE 3RD DAY OF MAY, 1997, ON PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE CITY CHARTER.

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Mr. Peak made a motion to approve the proposed Ordinance. Mr. Webster seconded the motion.

After consideration, the motion carrying with it the passage of the Ordinance, prevailed by the following vote: **AYES:** Flores, Lott, Vasquez, Marbut, Peak, Webster, Thornton; **NAYS:** None; **ABSENT:** Billa Burke, Avila, Herrera, Ross.

City Clerk Rodriguez announced that the formal swearing-in ceremonies for the incoming City Council would be held on Sunday, June 1, 1997 in the City Council chambers.

Mayor Thornton reminded all that a drawing for place on the Runoff Election ballot for May 27, 1997 would take place in these Council chambers at 4:30 P.M. today.

City Clerk Rodriguez thanked the City staff and the staff of Bexar County for their work on the election process.

Mr. Karl Wurz also congratulated the winners as well as the losers in the May 3 election.

Formal confirmation having been received that the Statements of Elected Officer have been formally received in the Office of the Secretary of State in Austin, City Clerk Rodriguez then administered the Oath of Office to those elected outright in the May 3, 1997 election, and congratulated each.

97-19 There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 4:00 P.M.

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WILLIAM E. THORNTON
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Attest:



NORMA S. RODRIGUEZ, CMC/AAE
City Clerk

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