

MINUTES OF THE DALLAS CITY COUNCIL
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2024

24-1690

SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL
MAYOR ERIC JOHNSON, PRESIDING

PRESENT: [12] Johnson, Atkins, Bazaldua, West, Moreno, Gracey, Resendez, Narvaez,
Blackmon, Mendelsohn, Willis, Ridley

*ABSENT: [3] Arnold, Stewart, Schultz

The meeting was called to order at 9:22 A.M.

The innovation was given by Councilmember Zarin Gracey.

Mayor Johnson led the pledge of allegiances of the United States of America and Texas State flags.

The meeting agenda, which was posted in accordance with Chapter 551, "OPEN MEETINGS," of the Texas Government Code, was presented.

The meeting recessed to closed session at 9:32 a.m. and reconvened to open session at 11:04 a.m.

After all business properly brought before the city council had been considered, the mayor adjourned the meeting at 12:07 p.m.

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Secretary

Date Approved

The annotated agenda is attached to the minutes of this meeting as EXHIBIT A.

The actions taken on each matter considered by the city council are attached to the minutes of this meeting as EXHIBIT B.

The actions taken on renewal motions that allows the city council to further discuss (reconsideration) or dispose (rescind) of a motion previously considered by the city council, are filed with the City Secretary as official public records and comprise EXHIBIT C to the minutes of this meeting.

**Note: Chapter IV, Section 9, of the Dallas City Charter states, in part, "The city council shall canvass and certify the results of any general or special election in accordance with the Texas Election Code, as amended." Texas Election Code, Chapter 67, Section 67.002(a) states, in part, "Except as otherwise provided by law, the precinct election returns for each election shall be canvassed by the following authority ... for an election ordered by an authority of a political subdivision other than a county, the political subdivision's governing body." Texas Election Code, Chapter 67, Section 67.004(a) further states, in part, "... Two members of the authority constitute a quorum for purposes of canvassing an election."*

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Item 1: Receive the report of the Ad Hoc City Council Canvassing Committee and adopt a resolution and order accepting the canvassing committee's report declaring the results of the November 5, 2024 special election held within the City of Dallas - Financing: No cost consideration to the City

Councilmember Mendelsohn stated the following:

“The Ad Hoc Canvassing Committee, consisting of myself (Cara Mendelsohn), Councilmember Jesse Moreno, and Councilmember Omar Narvaez met earlier to canvass the returns of the City Council Special Election held Tuesday, November 5, 2024.

On behalf of the Ad Hoc Canvassing Committee, I make the following report, a copy of which has been provided to each of you:

In the Special Election, for the purpose of adopting amendments to the Charter of the City of Dallas and amending Chapter 40A of the Dallas City Code, the statement of returns are as follows:

PROPOSITION A				
	Dallas	Collin	Denton	TOTALS
FOR	232,426	9,687	3,515	245,628
AGAINST	103,337	6,372	1,602	111,311
			Difference	134,317
PROPOSITION B				
	Dallas	Collin	Denton	TOTALS
FOR	252,087	10,612	4,396	267,095
AGAINST	93,223	6,418	1,099	100,740
			Difference	166,355
PROPOSITION C				
	Dallas	Collin	Denton	TOTALS
FOR	148,637	6,468	1,942	157,047
AGAINST	200,469	10,566	3,552	214,587
			Difference	(57,540)
PROPOSITION D				
	Dallas	Collin	Denton	TOTALS
FOR	223,405	9,563	3,159	236,127
AGAINST	117,094	6,771	2,111	125,976
			Difference	110,151
PROPOSITION E				
	Dallas	Collin	Denton	TOTALS
FOR	241,437	10,922	3,815	256,174
AGAINST	106,951	6,196	1,745	114,892
			Difference	141,282

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PROPOSITION F				
	Dallas	Collin	Denton	TOTALS
FOR	229,710	9,145	3,596	242,451
AGAINST	107,680	6,716	1,652	116,048
			Difference	126,403

PROPOSITION G				
	Dallas	Collin	Denton	TOTALS
FOR	239,508	10,005	3,675	253,188
AGAINST	96,984	5,690	1,478	104,152
			Difference	149,036

PROPOSITION H				
	Dallas	Collin	Denton	TOTALS
FOR	180,627	6,454	2,335	189,416
AGAINST	161,980	9,655	2,962	174,597
			Difference	14,819

PROPOSITION I				
	Dallas	Collin	Denton	TOTALS
FOR	185,493	7,149	2,982	195,624
AGAINST	150,929	8,651	2,230	161,810
			Difference	33,814

PROPOSITION J				
	Dallas	Collin	Denton	TOTALS
FOR	205,598	8,176	2,924	216,698
AGAINST	126,969	7,229	2,176	136,374
			Difference	80,324

PROPOSITION L				
	Dallas	Collin	Denton	TOTALS
FOR	231,712	9,308	3,597	244,617
AGAINST	99,208	6,084	1,475	106,767
			Difference	137,850

PROPOSITION O				
	Dallas	Collin	Denton	TOTALS
FOR	267,496	11,124	4,266	282,886
AGAINST	66,722	4,519	905	72,146
			Difference	210,740

PROPOSITION P				
	Dallas	Collin	Denton	TOTALS
FOR	183,035	7,303	2,703	193,041
AGAINST	149,497	8,173	2,425	160,095
			Difference	32,946

PROPOSITION Q				
	Dallas	Collin	Denton	TOTALS
FOR	242,437	9,746	3,945	256,128
AGAINST	88,787	5,466	1,092	95,345
			Difference	160,783

PROPOSITION R				
	Dallas	Collin	Denton	TOTALS
FOR	233,521	9,393	3,987	246,901
AGAINST	115,987	7,262	1,533	124,782
			Difference	122,119

PROPOSITION S				
	Dallas	Collin	Denton	TOTALS
FOR	189,411	8,200	3,733	201,344
AGAINST	155,447	7,987	1,609	165,043
			Difference	36,301

PROPOSITION T				
	Dallas	Collin	Denton	TOTALS
FOR	154,515	6,437	2,869	163,821
AGAINST	191,366	9,596	2,382	203,344
			Difference	(39,523)

PROPOSITION U				
	Dallas	Collin	Denton	TOTALS
FOR	175,997	7,863	3,085	186,945
AGAINST	173,011	8,448	2,282	183,741
			Difference	3,204

With the following added language:

- Inserting whereas clauses referencing the petition process for Propositions R, S, and U and clarifying that Proposition R conflicts with state law; and
- Inserting a section clarifying that because Proposition R is inconsistent with and preempted by state law, it shall not be enforced unless and until state law changes such that Proposition R is no longer inconsistent with or preempted by state law.

Motion seconded by Councilmember Willis.

Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Bazaldua moved to separate the canvass results from the added language.

Motion seconded by Councilmember West and unanimously adopted. (Resendez absent)

During discussion, and at the request of Councilmember Mendelsohn, the following individual addressed the city council on the item:

Heider Garcia, Dallas County Elections Administrator

After discussion, Mayor Johnson called a vote on Councilmember Mendelsohn's motion to adopt the canvass report and declared the motion adopted. (Arnold, Stewart, Schultz absent)

Mayor Johnson called a record vote on Councilmember Mendelsohn's amended 'added language' motion:

Voting Yes: [3] Johnson, Mendelsohn, Willis

Voting No: [7] Atkins, Bazaldua, West, Gracey, Narvaez, Blackmon, Ridley

Absent When Vote Taken: [2] Moreno, Resendez

Absent: [3] Arnold, Stewart, Schultz

The city secretary declared the motion failed.

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Item 2: Adoption of a resolution appointing ___ as Interim Inspector General, effective at the close of business on November 19, 2024, to serve until the City Council selects and appoints the Inspector General - Not to exceed \$____.00 - Financing: General Fund

Mayor Pro Tem Atkins moved the following:

- to appoint Kelly Bart-Beevers as Interim Inspector General, effective at the close of business today, to serve until City Council selects and appoints the Inspector General; and
- during this interim appointment period, shall be paid an annual base salary of \$190,550.00 while service in this capacity.

Motion seconded by Councilmember Willis and unanimously adopted. (Moreno, Arnold, Resendez, Stewart, Schultz absent)

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