

RESOLUTION NO. 77-2021

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MESQUITE, TEXAS, CANVASSING THE RETURNS AND DECLARING THE RESULTS OF AN ELECTION HELD IN THE CITY OF MESQUITE, TEXAS, ON NOVEMBER 2, 2021, FOR THE ELECTION OF A MAYOR AND CITY COUNCILMEMBERS FOR PLACES 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 AND 6 AND A SPECIAL ELECTION HELD IN THE CITY OF MESQUITE, TEXAS, FOR THE PURPOSE OF SUBMITTING A PROPOSED TAX RATE THAT EXCEEDS THE VOTER-APPROVAL TAX RATE FOR THE 2021 TAX YEAR; ORDERING A RUNOFF ELECTION TO BE HELD DECEMBER 7, 2021; AND DECLARING AN EFFECTIVE DATE THEREOF.

WHEREAS, the annual City Election was held on November 2, 2021, in the City of Mesquite, Texas, for the purpose of electing a Mayor (at large) and City Councilmembers (single-member districts) for each of the following places: Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6, for two-year terms; and

WHEREAS, a Special Election was held on November 2, 2021, in the City of Mesquite, Texas, for the purpose of submitting a proposed tax rate that exceeds the voter-approval tax rate for the 2021 tax year:

CITY OF MESQUITE PROPOSITION A

Approving the ad valorem tax rate of \$0.70862 per \$100 valuation in the City of Mesquite, Texas, for the current year, a rate that is \$0.04302 higher per \$100 valuation than the voter-approval tax rate of the City of Mesquite, Texas, for the purpose of increasing fire and police staffing levels and competitive pay for fire and police personnel, and increasing funding for alley and street maintenance. Last year, the ad valorem tax rate in the City of Mesquite, Texas, was \$0.70862 per \$100 valuation.

WHEREAS, it is hereby found and determined that notice of the election was duly given in the form, manner and time required by law, and said election was in all respects legally held and conducted in accordance with applicable laws of the State of Texas and the proceedings calling and governing the holding of such election; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to law, election officials for that election have made their returns to the City Council in the time and manner provided.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MESQUITE, TEXAS:

SECTION 1. That the City Council, having canvassed said returns, has determined that the total number of votes cast in the election held November 2, 2021, was 6,947 and the results of said election are hereby declared to be as follows:

Number of votes cast for the Office of Mayor:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>NUMBER OF VOTES</u>	<u>%</u>
Ron Ward	2,772	41%
Dan Aleman	3,979	59%

Number of votes cast for the Office of Councilmember, Place 1:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>NUMBER OF VOTES</u>	<u>%</u>
Joe Hicks	179	15%
Jeff Casper	493	43%
David Jackson Burris	487	42%

Number of votes cast for the Office of Councilmember, Place 2:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>NUMBER OF VOTES</u>	<u>%</u>
Kenny Green	497	74%
Dorothy Patterson	175	26%

Number of votes cast for the Office of Councilmember, Place 3:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>NUMBER OF VOTES</u>	<u>%</u>
Jennifer Vidler	476	47%
Elizabeth Rodriguez-Ross	372	37%
Rose Grimsley	163	16%

Number of votes cast for the Office of Councilmember, Place 4:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>NUMBER OF VOTES</u>	<u>%</u>
Tandy Boroughs	513	52%
Andrew Hubacek	480	48%

Number of votes cast for the Office of Councilmember, Place 5:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>NUMBER OF VOTES</u>	<u>%</u>
B. W. Smith	818	62%
Tom Palmer	496	38%

Number of votes cast for the Office of Councilmember, Place 6:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>NUMBER OF VOTES</u>	<u>%</u>
Debbie Anderson	778	51%
Brandon Murden	750	49%

It appearing that Dan Aleman received a majority of votes cast for the Office of Mayor; therefore, he is hereby declared to be elected to said office to serve after qualifying for a term of two (2) years, commencing November 2021, and until a successor shall have been elected and shall have qualified.

It appearing that Kenny Green received a majority of votes cast for the Office of Councilmember, Place 2; therefore, he is hereby declared to be elected to said office to serve after qualifying for a term of two years, commencing November 2021, and until a successor shall have been elected and shall have qualified.

It appearing that Tandy Boroughs received a majority of votes cast for the Office of Councilmember, Place 4; therefore, he is hereby declared to be elected to said office to serve after qualifying for a term of two years, commencing November 2021, and until a successor shall have been elected and shall have qualified.

It appearing that B.W. Smith received a majority of votes cast for the Office of Councilmember, Place 5; therefore, he is hereby declared to be elected to said office to serve after qualifying for a term of two years, commencing November 2021, and until a successor shall have been elected and shall have qualified.

It appearing that Debbie Anderson received a majority of votes cast for the Office of Councilmember, Place 6; therefore, he is hereby declared to be elected to said office to serve after qualifying for a term of two years, commencing November 2021, and until a successor shall have been elected and shall have qualified.

It appearing that no candidate received a majority of votes cast for the Office of Councilmember, Place 1; it is necessary to order a Runoff Election to be held December 7, 2021, for the purpose of determining between Jeff Casper and David Jackson Burris for the Office of Councilmember, Place 1.

It appearing that no candidate received a majority of votes cast for the Office of Councilmember, Place 3; it is necessary to order a Runoff Election to be held December 7, 2021, for the purpose of determining between Jennifer Vidler and Elizabeth Rodriguez-Ross for the Office of Councilmember, Place 3.

Number of votes cast regarding City of Mesquite Proposition A:

<u>NUMBER OF VOTES</u>	<u>PERCENTAGE</u>
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FOR:	4,386	64%
AGAINST:	2,464	36%

That the City Council hereby finds and declares that City of Mesquite Proposition No. A received a majority of votes cast “FOR” by qualified voters voting in the Special Election by a margin of 1,922 votes and accordingly, City of Mesquite Proposition No. A is hereby determined to have passed and been approved.

SECTION 2. Early voting by personal appearance for the December 7, 2021, Runoff Election shall be conducted by the Dallas County Elections Department. Michael J. Scarpello, Dallas County Elections Administrator, Dallas County, whose address is provided below, is hereby appointed clerk of early voting in compliance with Section 271.006 of the Texas Election Code.

Early voting by personal appearance will be conducted at:

Florence Recreation Center
2501 Whitson Way
Mesquite, TX 75150

on the following dates and times:

November 22 – 24 (Monday - Wednesday) 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.
November 25 – 26 (Thursday – Friday) No Voting due to Thanksgiving Holiday
November 27 (Saturday) 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.
November 28 (Sunday) 1 p.m. – 6 p.m.
November 29 – December 1 (Monday – Wednesday) 8 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
December 2 – 3 (Thursday - Friday) 7 a.m. – 7 p.m.

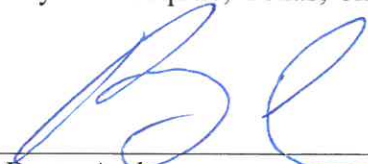
For residents in Dallas County, an application for a ballot to be voted by mail shall be submitted by mail, carrier delivery, fax or email (scanned application containing an original signature) to:

Michael J. Scarpello
Early Voting Clerk
Dallas County Elections Department
1520 Round Table Drive
Dallas, Texas 75247
Email: evapplications@dallascounty.org
Fax: 214.819.6303

If an application for ballot by mail (“**ABBM**”) is faxed or emailed or if a Federal Postcard Application (“**FPCA**”) is faxed, the early voting clerk must receive the original ABBM or FPCA no later than the 4th business day after receiving the emailed or faxed ABBM or faxed FPCA. If such original ABBM or FPCA is not received by the early voting clerk by the deadline, the faxed or emailed ABBM or faxed FPCA will be considered incomplete and the early voting clerk may NOT send the applicant a ballot. The requirement to mail the original application does not apply to an emailed FPCA. An ABBM must be received by Noon or close of business, whichever is later, on Friday, November 26, 2021. An FPCA must be received in accordance with Texas Election Code § 101.052.

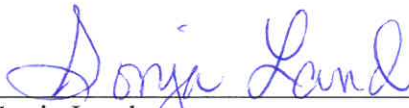
SECTION 3. That this resolution shall take effect immediately upon passage.

DULY RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Mesquite, Texas, on the 15th day of November 2021.



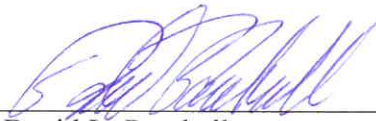
Bruce Archer
Mayor

ATTEST:



Sonja Land
City Secretary

APPROVED AS TO LEGAL FORM:



David L. Paschall
City Attorney