

RESOLUTION NO. 58-2023

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 7, 2023, 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 2023 TAX YEAR.

WHEREAS, the annual City Election was held on November 7, 2023, 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 7, 2023, in the City of Mesquite, Texas, for the purpose of submitting a proposed tax rate that exceeds the voter-approval tax rate for the 2023 tax year:

CITY OF MESQUITE PROPOSITION A

Approving the ad valorem tax rate of \$0.69000 per \$100 valuation in the City of Mesquite, Texas for the current year, a rate that is \$0.05189 higher per \$100 valuation than the voter-approval tax rate of the City of Mesquite, Texas, for the purpose of increasing staff for the police department, increasing funding for equipment, construction and staffing for the fire department to open Station No. 8 Trinity Pointe, increasing funding for roadway construction and maintenance, establishing a Behavioral Health Division, enhancing city-wide services and competitive pay for public safety personnel. Last year, the ad valorem tax rate in the City of Mesquite, Texas was \$0.65814 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 7, 2023, was 8,711 and the results of said election are hereby declared to be as follows:

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Number of votes cast for the Office of Mayor:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>NUMBER OF VOTES</u>	<u>%</u>
Dan Aleman	7,126	100%

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

<u>NAME</u>	<u>NUMBER OF VOTES</u>	<u>%</u>
Jeff Casper	1,168	100%

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

<u>NAME</u>	<u>NUMBER OF VOTES</u>	<u>%</u>
Kenny Green	621	100%

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

<u>NAME</u>	<u>NUMBER OF VOTES</u>	<u>%</u>
Elizabeth Rodriguez-Ross	747	53.59%
Jennifer Vidler	647	46.41%

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

<u>NAME</u>	<u>NUMBER OF VOTES</u>	<u>%</u>
Tandy Boroughs	828	100%

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

<u>NAME</u>	<u>NUMBER OF VOTES</u>	<u>%</u>
B. W. Smith	859	59.36%
Deb Moses	588	40.64%

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

<u>NAME</u>	<u>NUMBER OF VOTES</u>	<u>%</u>
Brandon L. Murden	1,175	52.71%
Debbie Anderson	931	41.77%
Carrie Bruce	123	5.52%

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)

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years, commencing November 2023, and until a successor shall have been elected and shall have qualified.

It appearing that Jeff Casper received a majority of votes cast for the Office of Councilmember, Place 1; therefore, he is hereby declared to be elected to said office to serve after qualifying for a term of two years, commencing November 2023, 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 2023, and until a successor shall have been elected and shall have qualified.

It appearing that Elizabeth Rodriguez-Ross received a majority of votes cast for the Office of Councilmember, Place 3; therefore, he is hereby declared to be elected to said office to serve after qualifying for a term of two years, commencing November 2023 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 2023, 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 2023, and until a successor shall have been elected and shall have qualified.

It appearing that Brandon L. Murden 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 2023, and until a successor shall have been elected and shall have qualified.

Number of votes cast regarding City of Mesquite Proposition A:

	<u>NUMBER OF VOTES</u>	<u>PERCENTAGE</u>
FOR:	5,411	63.18%
AGAINST:	3,153	36.82%

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 2,258 votes and accordingly, City of Mesquite Proposition No. A is hereby determined to have passed and been approved.

SECTION 2. That this resolution shall take effect immediately upon passage.

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DULY RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Mesquite, Texas, on the 20th day of November 2023.

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Daniel Aleman Jr.

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Mayor

ATTEST:

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City Secretary

APPROVED AS TO LEGAL FORM:

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