

RESOLUTION 98-R-071

CANVASSING THE RETURNS OF THE GENERAL ELECTION HELD ON MAY 2, 1998; APPROVING THE RESULTS; AND ORDERING A SPECIAL RUN-OFF ELECTION IF NECESSARY.

WHEREAS, by Ordinance No. 98-O-084 introduced on March 16, 1998, the Council ordered a general election to be held on May 2, 1998 to elect the following City Officials:

MAYOR
MUNICIPAL COURT JUDGE
CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS FOR DISTRICTS I, II, III, & VI

WHEREAS, said City Council has investigated all matters pertaining to said election, including ordering, giving notice, and the election officers holding and making return of said special election; and

WHEREAS, the City Council hereby officially found and determined that said meeting was open to the public, and public notice of the time, place, and purpose of said meeting was given, all in accordance with the Election Code and the ordinance calling said general election.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAREDO THAT:

Section 1: The City Council finds and determines that said election was duly called and ordered, that proper notice was duly given, that proper election officers were duly appointed prior to said election, that said election was duly held, that due returns of the result of said election were made and delivered, all in accordance with the Election Code and the ordinance calling said general election; that the City Council has duly canvassed said returns, all in accordance with the law and the ordinance calling said election.

Section 2: The City Council officially finds and determines that the following votes were cast at said election, as per attached tabulation returns included in this resolution, for the following candidates for Mayor by the resident, qualified electors of the City of Laredo, who voted at said general election with the following results:

MAYOR	TOTAL VOTES	MAJORITY (Percentage)
Poncho Casso	4,761	30.27 %
Felipe A. Castaneda, Sr.	49	0.31 %
Betty G. Flores	8,450	53.72 %
John L. Cabello	37	0.23 %
Andres Rodriguez	138	0.87 %
Fausto Sosa	2,188	13.91 %
Ruben Aguirre	41	0.26 %

Carlos Salinas	31	0.19 %
Rico Flynn	33	0.21 %

MUNICIPAL COURT JUDGE

George Victor Garcia	1,057	6.91 %
Diana Navarro	3,526	23.05 %
<u>Rosaura "Wawi" Tijerina</u>	<u>9,747</u>	<u>63.74 %</u>
Rene Cervantes	961	6.28 %

COUNCIL DISTRICT I

<i>Alfredo Agredano</i>	523	33.03 %
Trinidad Silva	46	2.90 %
Robert Huber	207	13.07 %
<i>Jesus "Chuy" Hinojosa, III</i>	738	46.62 %
Ruben Castillo	69	4.35 %

COUNCIL DISTRICT II

Mercurio Martinez, III	1,133	48.60 %
<u>Louis H. Bruni</u>	<u>1,198</u>	<u>51.39 %</u>

COUNCIL DISTRICT III

<i>Michael Landeck</i>	374	16.54 % *
<i>John C. Galo</i>	978	43.25 %
Victor M. Schunior	190	8.40 %
Leroy Morin	345	15.25 %
<i>Gerardo "Jerry" Vasquez</i>	374	16.54 % *

* Tied vote to be decided by drawing of lots as per section 2.023(c) of Election Code.

COUNCIL DISTRICT VI

Jose Salvador Tellez	404	12.84 %
Alfredo "Fred" Santos, IV	664	21.10 %
<u>Joe A. Guerra</u>	<u>2,078</u>	<u>66.05 %</u>

Section 3: The above returns of said general election be and are hereby approved and declared to be in due form as required by law, and that the candidates shown above receiving a majority of the votes for their respective office, and that said successful candidates are entitled to fill the respective office by qualifying therefore as required by law and that those respective offices where no candidate receives a majority vote then the two candidates receiving the highest and second highest number of votes shall be the successful candidates to participate in a run-off election.

Section 4: There shall be a run-off election between the two candidates who received the highest and second highest number of votes in said general election, namely:

District I: Alfredo Agredano and Jesus (Chuy) Hinojosa, III

District III: John Galo and Michael Landeck

Section 5: A run-off election is hereby ordered to be held and conducted within and for the City of Laredo on May 30, 1998, for the purpose of electing the following City Officials:

COUNCIL MEMBER DISTRICT I
COUNCIL MEMBER DISTRICT III

Section 6: The candidates for said run-off election are in District I: Alfredo Agredano and Jesus (Chuy) Hinojosa, III, and in District III: John C. Galo and Michael Landeck and the order in which their names will appear on the ballot shall be determined by a drawing to be made by the City Secretary in compliance with the Election Code, Section 52.094. The date of the drawing shall be held on Tuesday, May 5, 1998 at 5:45 p.m. at the City Council Chambers located on the 3rd floor of City Hall, 1110 Houston, Laredo, Texas following the canvassing of the election.

Section 7: The polls at each designated polling place on said run-off election, as set forth in "Exhibit A" which is attached hereto and made part of this resolution for all purposes, on said day shall be open from 7:00 o'clock a.m. to 7:00 o'clock p.m.

Section 8: The Presiding Judges shall appoint not less than two qualified election clerks to serve and assist in conducting said election, provided that if the Presiding Judge actually serves as expected, the Alternate Presiding Judge shall be one of such clerks.

Section 9: The period for Early Voting by personal appearance shall begin on May 20, 1998 and shall continue through May 26, 1998 with the exception of Sunday, May 24, 1998 and on any official city holiday. The main polling place for early voting shall be City Hall, located at 1110 Houston Street, Laredo, Texas and branch early voting place shall be Mall Del Norte, and any other branch which the City Council or Elections Administrator deems necessary and such other mobile voting places and dates as set forth in "Exhibit A" attached hereto. The City Hall shall remain open from 8:00 o'clock A.M. to 5:00 o'clock P.M. on each day designated for early voting. The designated polling places shall not be open on Saturdays, Sundays or official holidays, except as otherwise provided for in the schedule on "Exhibit A".

Section 10: The Early Voting Clerk for said election shall be appointed by the Webb County Elections Administrator.

Section 12: Notice of said election shall be given by posting a substantial copy of this resolution at City Hall on the bulletin board used for posting notices of the meetings of the City Council, and a substantial copy of this resolution also shall be published not earlier than the 30th day or later than the 10th day before the election day.

Section 13: Said election shall be conducted at each designated voting place and the ballot to be used at such election shall be printed in the form required by the Texas Election Code and manufacturer's specifications with names of candidates printed thereon in full and prepared in such manner as specified by the Texas Election Code. That this election is to be conducted utilizing the AIS 315 Tabulation System on Saturday, May 30, 1998.

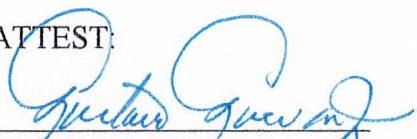
Section 14: Immediately after the votes at such special run-off election have been conducted and proper returns thereof made to the City Council, said City Council shall meet on Tuesday, June 2, 1998 at 5:30 p.m., at the City Council Chambers, 1st floor, 1110 Houston, to canvass the election and cause to be entered in the proper records of the City of Laredo, Texas, its official declaration of or order showing the actual and true results of said special run-off election.

Section 15: The City Council hereby authorizes the City Manager to enter into a contract agreement with the Webb County Elections Administrator to conduct said election and accept the terms and conditions as set forth in the contract attached hereto and identified as "Exhibit B".

PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL AND APPROVED BY THE MAYOR ON THIS
THE 5TH DAY OF MAY, 1998.


ELIZABETH G. FLORES
MAYOR

ATTEST:


GUSTAVO GUEVARA, JR.
CITY SECRETARY

APPROVED AS TO FORM:


JAIME L. FLORES
CITY ATTORNEY

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