

**CITY OF LAREDO  
SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
M2016-SC-10  
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS 1110  
HOUSTON STREET  
LAREDO, TEXAS 78040  
November 16, 2016  
12:15 P.M.**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Pete Saenz called the meeting to order.

**II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mayor Pete Saenz led the pledge of allegiance.

**III. ROLL CALL**

In attendance:

Pete Saenz	Mayor
Vidal Rodriguez	District II
Alejandro Perez, Jr.	District III
Juan Narvaez	Mayor Pro-Tempore, District IV
Roque Vela, Jr.	District V
George J. Altgelt	District VII
Roberto Balli	District VIII
Heberto L. Ramirez	Acting City Secretary
Jesus Olivares	City Manager
Cynthia Collazo	Deputy City Manager
Horacio De Leon	Assistant City Manager
Robert A. Eads	Assistant City Manager
Raul Casso	City Attorney

**IV. RESOLUTIONS**

1. 2016-R-143 Canvassing the returns of the General and Special Election of the City of Laredo held on Tuesday, November 8, 2016 for: the Election of City Officials; a Special Election for the submission of proposed Laredo City Charter Amendments; approving the results and providing that the charter be amended as to those sections on which amendments have been favorably voted; ordering a special runoff election; authorizing the City Manager to enter into contract with the Webb County Elections Administrator; designating a runoff date; and providing for publication.

Heberto L. Ramirez, Acting City Secretary, reported a combined early vote and election day results totaling 56,168 votes cast for City elections and for the propositions out of 115,866 registered voters. These numbers were certified by Oscar Villarreal of the Webb County Elections Administration. He summarized the City election results as follows:

District IV

<u>Candidate</u>	<u>Votes</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
Allen Tijerina	2,291	45.21%
Armando Cisneros	318	6.27%
Alberto Torres, Jr.	1,687	33.29%
Eduardo "Lalo" Villa, Jr.	247	4.87%
Jose M. "Chema" Guevara	525	10.36%

District V

<u>Candidate</u>	<u>Votes</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
Nelly Vielma	4,841	56.00%
Roque Vela, Jr.	3,804	44.00%

District VII

<u>Candidate</u>	<u>Votes</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
Juan Chavez	2,531	40.98%
George Altgelt	3,645	59.02%

District VIII

<u>Candidate</u>	<u>Votes</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
Roberto Balli	3,360	80.04%
James Joel Newland	838	19.96%

He summarized the vote totals for each proposition as follows:

<u>Proposition</u>	<u>Votes</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
1	21,518 FOR 26,621 AGAINST	44.70% 55.30%
2	24,975 FOR 24,284 AGAINST	50.70% 49.30%
3	26,385 FOR 22,813 AGAINST	53.63% 46.37%
4	28,101 FOR 21,185 AGAINST	57.02% 42.98%
5	23,142 FOR 23,474 AGAINST	49.64% 50.36%
6	27,264 FOR 18,946 AGAINST	59.00% 41.00%
7	29,268 FOR 17,237 AGAINST	62.94% 37.06%
8	32,013 FOR 13,252 AGAINST	70.72% 29.28%
9	28,786 FOR	62.80%

	17,055 AGAINST	37.20%
10	29,185 FOR 16,584 AGAINST	63.77% 36.23%
11	29,927 FOR 15,919 AGAINST	65.28% 34.72%
12	23,262 FOR 20,953 AGAINST	52.61% 47.39%
13	28,460 FOR 16,934 AGAINST	62.70% 37.30%
14	34,088 FOR 11,875 AGAINST	74.16% 25.84%
15	30,187 FOR 15,391 AGAINST	62.23% 33.77%
16	31,314 FOR 14,210 AGAINST	68.79% 31.21%
17	29,437 FOR 15,767 AGAINST	65.12% 34.88%
18	22,356 FOR 20,340 AGAINST	52.36% 47.64%
19	24,613 FOR 20,528 AGAINST	54.52% 45.48%
20	31,428 FOR 13,764 AGAINST	69.54% 30.46%
21	31,317 FOR 14,078 AGAINST	68.99% 31.01%
22	30,310 FOR 15,941 AGAINST	65.53% 34.47%
23	29,351 FOR 16,203 AGAINST	64.43% 35.57%
24	31,708 FOR 13,973 AGAINST	69.41% 30.59%

Based on the results, Propositions 1 and 5 failed, and the others were approved.

Cm. Vela congratulated Cm. Altgelt and Cm. Balli on their re-elections to Council as well as the two candidates entering a runoff election in District

IV. He congratulated Nelly Vielma on her successful campaign. As a resident of District V, he is rooting for her success. He noted that his victory was because people wanted change, similar to the Mayor's campaign when he ran in 2014. The theme of change was prominent during this election, and Cm. Vela encouraged Council to embrace the will of the people. He thanked City Staff and the people of District V for his opportunity to serve. He looks forward to spending more time with his family.

Mayor Saenz thanked Cm. Vela for his service, noting that he was always a stalwart representative of his district leading to many accomplishments while in office. Cm. Perez complimented Cm. Vela's hard work for his district.

Cm. Altgelt pointed out Cm. Vela's comment demonstrated grace and class. Cm. Balli noted that he learned much from Cm. Vela in terms of parliamentary procedure, City business, and the needs of Laredo. He and Cm. Narvaez thanked Cm. Vela for his service on Council.

Cm. Rodriguez stated that Cm. Vela set a standard which he would apply to his own district, noting it has been an honor to serve with him.

Motion to approve Resolution 2016-R-143.

Moved: Cm. Vela

Second: Cm. Rodriguez

For: 6

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

## **V. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

None.

## **VI. ADJOURNMENT**

Motion to adjourn.

Moved: Cm. Narvaez

Second: Cm. Vela

For: 6

Against: 0

Abstain: 0