

RESOLUTION 2000-R-073**CANVASSING THE RETURNS OF THE GENERAL CITY ELECTION HELD ON MAY 6, 2000; APPROVING THE RESULTS; AND ORDERING A SPECIAL RUN-OFF ELECTION IF NECESSARY.**

WHEREAS, by Ordinance No. 2000-O-068 introduced on March 20, 2000, the Council ordered a general election to be held on May 6, 2000 to elect the following City Officials:

COUNCIL MEMBERS for DISTRICTS IV, V, VII and VIII

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 general 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 by the resident, qualified electors of the City of Laredo, who voted at said special election with the following results:

COUNCIL MEMBER	TOTAL VOTES	MAJORITY (Percentage)
<u>DISTRICT IV:</u>		
Johnny Amaya	428	56.24%
Saturnino "Nino" Ramos	333	43.75%
<u>DISTRICT V:</u>		
Eliseo Valdez	426	100%
<u>DISTRICT VII:</u>		
Mario G. Alvarado	506	43.92%
Javier "Rito" De Anda	180	15.62%
Jose Alberto Valdez, Jr.	466	40.45%
<u>DISTRICT VIII:</u>		
Felipe Cardenas	198	23.23%
Juan Ramirez	223	26.17%

Roberto "Majic" Reyna	89	10.44%
Jose Gamez	108	12.67%
Canuta "Tita" Quintanilla	222	26.05%
Ramon Estrada, Jr. (write in candidate)	9	1.06%

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 special election, namely Mario G. Alvarado and Jose Alberto Valdez, Jr. for Council Member in District VII and Juan Ramirez and Canuta (Tita) P. Quintanilla for Council Member in District VIII.

Section 5: A run-off election is hereby ordered to be held and conducted within and for the City of Laredo on June 3, 2000 for the purpose of electing the following City Officials: District VII Council Member and District VIII Council Member.

Section 8: The candidates for said run-off election are Mario G. Alvarado and Jose Alberto Valdez, Jr. for District VII and Juan Ramirez and Canuta (Tita) P. Quintanilla for District VIII 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 Thursday, May 11, 2000 at 5:15 p.m. at the City Hall Conference Room located on the 3rd floor of City Hall, 1110 Houston, Laredo, Texas.

Section 9: 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 10: 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 11: The period for Early Voting by personal appearance shall begin on May 24, 2000 and shall continue through May 30, 2000 with the exception of Saturday and Sunday, May 27th & 28th. The main polling place for early voting shall be Webb County Justice Center, located at 1100 Victoria Street, Laredo, Texas and branch early voting place shall be City Hall, located at 1110 Houston, and such other branch and mobile voting places and dates as set forth in "Exhibit A" attached hereto. The Justice Center and City Hall shall remain open from 8:00 o'clock A.M. to 7:00 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 schedule of "Exhibit A".

Section 12: The Early Voting Clerk for said election shall be appointed by the Webb County Elections Administrator.

Section 13: Applications for ballots by mail shall be conducted by the Webb County Elections Administrator. All ballot applications and ballots voted by mail shall be sent to the Webb County Elections Administrator, 1100 Victoria, P.O. Box 29, Laredo, Texas 78042-029.

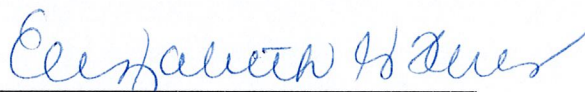
Section 14: Notice of said election shall be given by posting a substantial copy of this resolution at City Hall on the bulletin board used for posting notices of the meetings of the City Council, and a substantial copy of this resolution also shall be published not earlier than the 30th day or later than the 10th day before the election day.

Section 15: 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, June 3, 2000.

Section 16: 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 no earlier the 3rd day after the election and no later than the 6th after the election and that said shall be posted in accordance to State Law governing Open Meetings. The purpose of said meeting is 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 17: 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 10TH DAY OF MAY, 2000.



ELIZABETH G. FLORES
MAYOR

ATTEST:


GUSTAVO GUEVARA, JR.
CITY SECRETARY

APPROVED AS TO FORM:


JAIME L. FLORES
CITY ATTORNEY