CITY OF ALAMO HEIGHTS CITY COUNCIL November 17, 2020

A special meeting of the City Council of the City of Alamo Heights, Texas was held at the Council Chambers, located at 6116 Broadway, San Antonio, Texas, at 8:30 a.m. on Tuesday, November 17, 2020. A teleconference was held via Zoom; staff and meeting attendees were welcomed in the Council Chambers entering City Hall via one entrance (rear of City Hall), answering health questions, health screening, wearing a mask and practicing social distancing.

Present and composing a quorum were: Mayor Bobby Rosenthal Mayor Pro Tempore John Savage Councilmember Lawson Jessee

Also attending were:
City Manager Buddy Kuhn
Assistant City Manager/Community Development Services Director Nina Shealey
Assistant to City Manager Jennifer Reyna
City Secretary Elsa T. Robles

Mayor Bobby Rosenthal opened the meeting at 8:31 a.m.

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Items for Individual Consideration

Item # 1 Mayor Rosenthal read the following caption.

ORDINANCE NO. 2166

AN ORDINANCE CANVASSING THE RETURNS AND DECLARING THE RESULTS OF THE SPECIAL BOND ELECTION HELD IN THE CITY OF ALAMO HEIGHTS, TEXAS ON NOVEMBER 3, 2020

Assistant to City Manager Jennifer Reyna presented the official results of the special election held on November 3, 2020. Ms. Reyna reported the City of Alamo Heights had the proposition of the issuance of bonds in the amount of \$13,250,000 for the Austin Highway/Lower Broadway Improvement Project. There was a total of 4,558 voters who cast their ballots. She separated the total votes by Early Voting, Election Day, and Absentee/Mail-In Ballots in their respective Precincts – 3020, 3025, and 3026.

Early Voting	
FOR	AGAINST

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Precincts		
3020	1,173	299
3025	866	222
3026	737	220
Sub-total	2,776	741

Election Day

	FOR	AGAINST
Precincts		
3020	73	20
3025	65	17
3026	40	16
Sub-total	178	53

Absentee/Mail In Ballots

	FOR		AGAINST	
Precincts				
3020	345		97	
3025	135		49	
3026	153		31	
Sub-total	633		177	
TOTALS	3,587	+	971 =	4,558

Ms. Reyna highlighted the significance of absentee/mail-in ballots for this election. She stated the turnout had been tremendous with a total of 810 absentee/mail-in ballots. Historically, no more than ten mail-in ballots had been received in past elections. This year, with the COVID-19 Pandemic and Early Voting, qualifications did not change eligibility for absentee/mail-in ballots. Usually, citizens over 65 year of age or who planned to be out of the country, take advantage of casting their votes through absentee/mail in ballots. There were also 229 undervotes that represented citizens who may have voted for the Presidential Election, but did not vote for the City's proposition.

PROPOSITION A

The issuance of bonds in the amount of \$13,250,000 for the Austin Highway/Lower Broadway Improvement Project.

	<u>For</u>	Against
Early Votes Absentee Election Day Votes	2,776 633 <u>178</u>	741 177
TOTAL	<u>3,587</u>	<u>971</u>

Ms. Reyna cited Election Code 67.002 which mandates a canvass of the election results to make them official. As the local governing authority, Council would need to make a motion to canvass the results.

Before Council made their motion, Mayor Rosenthal shared he had received a note from Presiding Election Judge Tony Carter who thanked Mr. Kuhn and his staff for being so supportive in making Election Day a success at the City of Alamo Heights.

Ms. Reyna also took the opportunity to thank City Manager Buddy Kuhn and City Secretary Elsa Robles for their help on Election Day. She also thanked the Public Works, Fire, and Police departments for their help in planning for this event. It was important for all voters to have positive and pleasant experience while voting at our polling site.

Mayor Pro Tem John Savage moved to approve Ordinance No. 2166 canvassing the November 3, 2020 Election returns and results. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Lawson Jessee and passed by unanimous vote.

With no further business, Mayor Rosenthal adjourned the meeting at 8:37 a.m.

Bobby Rosenthal

Mayor

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Elsa T. Robles City Secretary