ORDINANCE NO. 2238

AN ORDINANCE DECLARING UNOPPOSED CANDIDATES FOR THE OFFICES OF MAYOR, CITY COUNCILMEMBER PLACE #1, COUNCILMEMBER PLACE #2, AND COUNCILMEMBER PLACE #5 IN THE MAY 3, 2025 GENERAL ELECTION ELECTED TO OFFICE; PROVIDING THAT THE MAY 3, 2025 GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION SHALL NOT BE HELD; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT THEREWITH; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

WHEREAS, City Council adopted an Ordinance on February 10, 2025 ordering a general election to be held on May 3, 2025, for the purpose of electing a Mayor, City Councilmember Place #1, City Councilmember Place #2, and City Councilmember Place #5, to the City Council; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Sections 143.007 and 146.054, Texas Election Code, the deadlines for filing applications for a place on the ballot and declaration of write-in candidacy for the City's general election have expired; and

WHEREAS, the City Secretary has certified in writing that no person has made a declaration of write-in candidacy, and that each candidate on the ballot is unopposed for election to office; and

WHEREAS, the City Secretary, the person responsible for having the official ballot prepared, certifies that the following candidates are unopposed for election to office for the election scheduled to be held on May 3, 2025:

MAYOR: AL HONIGBLUM

FOR COUNCILMEMBER PLACE 1: LAWSON JESSEE

FOR COUNCILMEMBER PLACE 2: KARL P. BAKER

FOR COUNCILMEMBER PLACE 5: TREY JACOBSON

WHEREAS, under these circumstances, Subchapter C, Chapter 2, Section 2.052, Texas Election Code, authorizes the City Council to declare the candidates are unopposed and cancel the general election;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ALAMO HEIGHTS THAT

SECTION 1. The following candidates, who are unopposed in the May 3, 2025 general election, are declared elected to office pursuant to Subchapter C, Chapter 2, Section 2.053(a), Texas Election Code and shall be issued Certificates of Election following the time the election would have been canvassed:

Al Honigblum is declared elected Mayor
Lawson Jessee is declared elected Councilmember, Place One.
Karl P. Baker is declared elected Councilmember, Place Two.
Trey Jacobson is declared elected Councilmember, Place Five.

SECTION 2. The May 3, 2025, general election is cancelled, and the City Secretary is directed to cause a copy of this ordinance to be posted on Election Day at each polling place that would have been used in the election.

<u>SECTION 3.</u> The City Secretary is hereby directed to post an Order notifying the citizens of the cancellation of the General Election at City Hall and on the City's website.

<u>SECTION 4.</u> Term of office for the unopposed Councilmembers shall commence on May 12, 2025 after the Oath of Office has been administered and executed.

<u>SECTION 5.</u> It is declared to be the intent of the City Council that the phrases, clauses, sentences, paragraphs, and sections of this ordinance are severable, and if any phrase, clause, sentence, paragraph, or section of this ordinance is declared invalid by the judgment or decree of a court of competent jurisdiction, the invalidity shall not affect any of the remaining phrases, clauses, sentences, paragraphs, or sections of this ordinance since the City Council would have enacted them without the invalid portion.

<u>SECTION 6.</u> It is hereby found and determined that the meeting at which this Ordinance was passed was open to the public as required by Section 551.001 et seq., Texas Government Code, and that advance public notice of the time, place and purpose of said meeting was given.

SECTION 7. This ordinance shall take effect upon its final passage, and it is so ordained.

PASSED and ADOPTED this the 24th day of February, 2025.

BOBBY ROSENTHAL, MAYOR

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ATTEST:

ELSA T. ROBLES, CITY SECRETARY

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

FRANK J. GARZA, CITY ATTORNEY