

Legislation Text

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PRESENTER:

Caitlin Krobot, City Secretary

SUBJECT:

Discuss and consider approval of an ordinance declaring the canvass and result of the Special Election held on May 1, 2021 regarding 18 proposed charter amendments; Propositions A-R of the New Braunfels, Texas, City Charter; containing a savings clause; declaring an effective date; and declaring an emergency.

DEPARTMENT: City Secretary

COUNCIL DISTRICTS IMPACTED: City-wide

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

Consistent with Texas Election laws, the City of New Braunfels is required to canvass and declare the results of its duly ordered elections. The City of New Braunfels is governed by its home-rule charter. Article XI, Section 5 of the Texas Constitution and Chapter 9 of the Texas Local Government Code govern the adoption or amendment of a Home-Rule Charter. On February 8, 2021, the City Council of the City of New Braunfels ordered a Special Election to be held on Saturday, May 1, 2021 for the purpose of proposing eighteen (18) amendments to the City Charter, numbered (A) through (R), to add or amend City Council terms and vacancies, duties of Mayor and Mayor Pro-Tem, duties and responsibilities of City Manager, duties of Municipal Court, Judge, and Clerk, other minor clarifications and corrections, emergency succession planning, and rules regarding political campaigning by City of New Braunfels employees. The eighteen (18) propositions were submitted to the voters, the election was held and conducted, and the returns reviewed and investigated, all as required by applicable federal, state, and local law. As a result, it is now necessary to declare the official results of the canvass and election.

ISSUE:

Whether to approve the ordinance that accepts the May 1, 2021 special election canvass returns and results.

FISCAL IMPACT:

None.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends approval of the ordinance accepting the special election canvass returns and election results.