



ORDINANCE NO. 23-1115-01

AN ORDINANCE CANVASSING THE RETURNS OF THE REGULAR MUNICIPAL ELECTION AND SPECIAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION HELD WITHIN THE CITY OF WHITEHOUSE ON THE 7TH DAY OF NOVEMBER 2023, FOR THE PURPOSE OF ELECTING COUNCIL PLACE 1, COUNCIL PLACE 3 AND COUNCIL PLACE 5 AND A SALES TAX REALLOCATION PROPOSITION; DECLARING THE RESULTS OF THE ELECTION; FINDING THAT NOTICE OF THE ELECTION WAS DULY AND PROPERLY GIVEN, THAT THE ELECTION WAS PROPERLY HELD AND RETURNS THEREOF MADE BY THE PROPER OFFICIALS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE LAWS OF THE STATE; CONTAINING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; CONTAINING A REPEALING CLAUSE; CONTAINING AN OPEN MEETINGS CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 7.06 of the Charter of the City of Whitehouse, the City Council, at a meeting held on the 15th day of November 2023, proceeded to canvass the returns of the regular municipal election and special municipal election held in the City on the 7th day of November 2023, for the purpose of electing a Council Place 1, Council Place 3 and Council Place 5 and a sales tax reallocation proposition; and

WHEREAS the election was held under and pursuant to the provisions of Ordinances 23-0815-04 and 23-0815-05 calling the regular election and special election and Ordinances 23-0912-01 and 23-0912-02 canceling the regular election declaring the unopposed candidates elected amending the special election ordinance; and

WHEREAS the election having been duly and regularly held as called in the ordinance and according to law, and the returns thereof having been made and the election judges having certified the results of the election, as hereinafter set out, and the City Council having duly and regularly canvassed the returns of the election and finding that the total votes cast at the election were as follows:

Regular Election – Unopposed Candidates Declared Elected:

COUNCIL PLACE 1
ZACK BRISCOE

COUNCIL PLACE 3
JOHN CHAMBERS

COUNCIL PLACE 5
MATT LAZARINE

Special Election – Proposition A: Sales Tax Reallocation:

For: 555 Votes
Against: 245 Votes

WHEREAS the City Council of the City of Whitehouse finds that the election returns set out above to be accurate and correct.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WHITEHOUSE, TEXAS, THAT:

SECTION 1:

- A. Zack Briscoe was unopposed and is elected to serve as Council Place 1; that John Chambers was unopposed and is elected to serve as Council Place 3; and that Matt Lazarine was unopposed and is elected to serve as Council Place 5. Said above named parties are hereby declared duly elected to their said respective offices, subject to the filing of the 'Statement of Elected Official' and the taking of their 'Oath of Office' as provided by the laws of the State of Texas.

- B. Proposition A Sales Tax Reallocation received a majority of favorable votes and is therefore approved.

SECTION 2:

The City Council finds that the notice of the election was duly and properly given as required by law and as provided in the ordinance calling the election, and that the election was duly and regularly held, and the returns thereof duly and regularly made by the proper officials of the election, and in all things according to the law.

SECTION 3:

Each and every provision, paragraph, sentence and clause of this Ordinance has been separately considered and passed by the City Council of the City of Whitehouse, Texas, and each said provision would have been separately passed without any other provision, and if any provision hereof shall be ineffective, invalid or unconstitutional, for any cause, its shall not impair or affect the remaining portion, or any part thereof, but the valid portion shall be in force just as if it had been passed alone.

SECTION 4:

All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict only.

SECTION 5:

The City Council officially finds, determines, recites, and declares that a sufficient written notice of the date, hour, place, and subject of this meeting of the City Council was posted at a place convenient to the public at the City Hall of the City for the time required by law preceding this meeting, as required by the Open Meetings Act, Chapter 551, Texas Government Code; and that this meeting has been open to the public as required by law at all times during which this ordinance and the subject matter thereof has been discussed, considered, and formally acted upon. The City Council further ratifies, approves, and confirms such written notice and the contents and posting thereof.

SECTION 6:

This ordinance shall be in effect immediately upon its passage and approval.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED this, the 15th day of November 2023



James Wansley – Mayor

Attested by:



Susan Hargis – City Secretary