



MEMORANDUM

TO: City Council

FROM: Jessica Matson, Legislative & Information Services Director/City Clerk

SUBJECT: Declaration of Results of the November 8, 2022 Consolidated General Municipal Election

DATE: December 13, 2022

SUMMARY OF ACTION:

Adoption of a Resolution declaring official results of the City's General Municipal Election.

IMPACT ON FINANCIAL AND PERSONNEL RESOURCES:

There is no fiscal impact associated with the recommended action. An invoice for the costs to conduct the election has not yet been received from the County of San Luis Obispo; however, anticipated expenses estimated at \$30,000 have been included in the FY 2022-23 Legislative and Information Services Department Budget.

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt a Resolution declaring the official results of the General Municipal Election held on November 8, 2022, and the final Certificates of the Canvass.

BACKGROUND:

On November 8, 2022, a General Municipal Election was held in the City for the purpose of electing a Mayor, one (1) District 1 City Council member, and one (1) District 4 City Council member, and voting on one (1) ballot measure ("Measure D-22") asking voters if the City shall be authorized to increase the Transaction and Use ("Sales Tax") by 1% to fund maintenance and repair of streets, sidewalks, stormwater and drainage facilities, and for other City programs and facilities. This was the City's first by-district election.

In accordance with City Council Resolutions Nos. 5187 and 5188, the City's election was consolidated with the Statewide General Election that was conducted on the same day by the County of San Luis Obispo. The County Clerk-Recorder was responsible for canvassing all votes cast and certifying the election results.

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ANALYSIS OF ISSUES:

Total voter registration for the City of Arroyo Grande was 13,196. The number of total ballots cast was 9,170 resulting in a 69.49% voter turnout. Results of the election are as follows:

Mayor (Vote for 1):

Caren Ray Russom received 5,241 votes (62.40%)

Gaea Powell received 2,308 votes (27.48%)

Dale T. Hanson received 850 votes (10.12%)

Based on these results, Caren Ray Russom received the highest number of votes and is the candidate elected to the office of Mayor.

City Council District 1 (Vote for 1):

Kathleen Secrest received 1,728 votes (100%)

Kathleen Secrest ran unopposed and is the candidate elected as District 1 Member of the City Council.

City Council District 4 (Vote for 1):

James Robert Guthrie received 991 votes (63.20%)

Ben Franco received 577 votes (36.80%)

Based on these results, James Robert Guthrie received the highest number of votes from voters in District 4 and is the candidate elected as District 4 Member of the City Council.

Measure:

Measure D-22 did not pass. 45.64% of the votes were a “Yes” vote, which did not meet the majority voter approval required to authorize the City to increase the Transaction and Use Tax (“Sales Tax”) by 1% to fund maintenance and repair of streets, sidewalks, stormwater and drainage facilities, and for other City programs and facilities.

The County Clerk-Recorder has conducted the official canvass of the returns of the votes cast in the election and has certified the results. In accordance with California Elections Code Section 10262, the City Council is requested to adopt a Resolution declaring the results of the General Municipal Election and the final Certificates of the Canvass, as shown in Exhibit A of Attachment 1.

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ALTERNATIVES:

The following alternatives are provided for the Council's consideration:

1. Adopt the Resolution; or
2. Provide other direction to staff.

ADVANTAGES:

Adoption of the Resolution will ensure the City complies with State law as it relates to the declaration and acceptance of the election results.

DISADVANTAGES:

No disadvantages have been identified at this time.

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW:

No environmental review is required for this item.

PUBLIC NOTIFICATION AND COMMENTS:

The Agenda was posted at City Hall and on the City's website in accordance with Government Code Section 54954.2.

Attachments:

1. Proposed Resolution