

NOTICE OF A SPECIAL MEETING
OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HEMPSTEAD

PLEASE NOTE:

Public comments and matters from the floor are limited to 3 minutes per person. Allotted minutes cannot be transferred to other individuals.

If you would like to request to speak, please do so in advance of the meeting by filling out a Request to Address Council form available upon entrance to the meeting.

Please silence all cell phones and electronic devices.

Notice is hereby given that a Special Meeting of the City Council of the City of Hempstead will be held on **Tuesday, the 14th day of May, A.D., 2024 at 6:00 P.M.** at the **Hempstead Recreation Center, 635 Business Highway 290 E, Hempstead, Texas, (GYM)** at which time the following subjects will be considered, to-wit:

1. Call to order and invocation.
2. Pledge of Allegiance.
3. Public Comments.
4. Consideration and action on an Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Hempstead, Texas, canvassing the returns and declaring the results of the elections held May 4, 2024, for the positions of Mayor and City Councilmembers; and calling a runoff election for June 15, 2024, for Councilmember, Position 1 and Councilmember Position 2; and making other provisions related to the subject.
5. Consideration and action on an Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Hempstead, Texas, canvassing the returns and declaring the results of the Special Charter Election held on May 4, 2024; and making other provisions related to the subject.
6. Administer Oath of Office to Elected Mayor.
7. Adjourn City Council Meeting.

The City Council of the City of Hempstead reserves the right to adjourn into executive session at any time during the course of this meeting to discuss any of the matters listed below authorized by Texas Government Code, Sections 551.071 (Consultation with Attorney), 551.072 (Deliberations about Real Property), 551.073 (Deliberations about Gifts and Donations), 551.074 (Personnel Matters), 551.076 (Deliberations about Security Devices), 551.087 (Economic Development), and 551.086 (Certain Public Power Utilities: Competitive Matters). Council may act in Open Session on any item listed for Executive Session.

Dated this the 9th day of May, A.D., 2024.

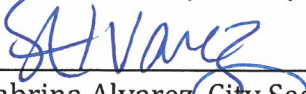
By: _____


Sabrina Alvarez, City Secretary

I, the undersigned authority, do hereby certify that the above Notice of a Regular Meeting of the governing body of the City of Hempstead is a true and correct copy of said Notice, and that a true

and correct copy of said Notice was posted on the City Hall bulletin board and entrances to City Hall, in the City Hall and Recreation Center of said City of Hempstead, Texas, a place convenient and readily accessible to the general public at all times, and that said Notice was posted on May 9, 2024 at 3:30 P.M. and remained so posted continuously for at least 72 hours preceding the scheduled time of said meeting.

Dated this the 9th day of May, A.D., 2024.

By: 
Sabrina Alvarez, City Secretary

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION BY TELEPHONE

The City of Hempstead City Council **may** conduct the meeting scheduled at **6:00 P.M. on Tuesday the 14th day of May 2024 at Hempstead Recreation Center, 635 Business Highway 290 E, Hempstead, Texas.** The public will be permitted to offer public comments telephonically as provided by the agenda and as permitted by the presiding officer during the meeting. A recording of the telephonic meeting will be made and will be available to the public upon written request.

The toll-free dial-in number to participate in the meeting telephonically is:

1-346-248-7799; Access Code 989-478-2100

IF CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS ARE GOING TO APPEAR BY VIDEOCONFERENCE A QUORUM OF COUNCILMEMBERS MUST BE PRESENT AT THE LOCATION.

NOTICE OF MEETING BY VIDEO CONFERENCE

The City of Hempstead City Council **may** conduct the meeting scheduled at **6:00 P.M. on Tuesday, the 14th day of May 2024 at Hempstead Recreation Center, 635 Business Highway 290 E, Hempstead, Texas** by videoconference in addition to allowing in person attendance. A quorum of the City Council will be physically present at the Hempstead City Hall, 1125 Austin Street, Hempstead. The public may participate in the City Council Meeting by using the following information:

1-346-248-7799, Access Code 979-478-2100



City of Hempstead

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ORDINANCE NO. 24-_____

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF HEMPSTEAD, TEXAS, CANVASSING THE RETURNS AND DECLARING THE RESULTS OF THE ELECTIONS HELD ON MAY 4, 2024, FOR THE POSITIONS OF MAYOR AND CITY COUNCILMEMBERS; AND CALLING A RUNOFF ELECTION FOR JUNE 15, 2024, FOR COUNCILMEMBER, POSITION 1 AND COUNCILMEMBER, POSITION 2; AND MAKING OTHER PROVISIONS RELATED TO THE SUBJECT.

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WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 9.006. Local Government Code, a Special Election and a General Election were concurrently held in the City of Hempstead, Texas, on May 4, 2024 for the respective purposes of amending the City Charter, and for the purpose of electing a Mayor and Councilmember, Position 1, and Councilmember, Position 2; and,

WHEREAS, the Special Election for the purpose of amending the City Charter as canvassed by Ordinance No._____, passed May 14, 2024, declared that at such Special Election, the proposed amendments to the City Charter were approved and adopted; and

WHEREAS, the Election was duly and legally held in conformity with the election laws of the State of Texas, and the results of said Election has been verified and returned by the proper judges and clerks; and,

WHEREAS, Waller County Elections Administrator has delivered a Certified list of the votes cast by voters of the City of Hempstead in the Election held on May 4, 2024, a copy of which is attached to this Ordinance as Exhibit A and incorporated herein for all purposes; now, therefore,

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HEMPSTEAD, TEXAS:

Section 1. The facts and matters set forth in the preamble of this Ordinance are hereby found to be true and correct.

Section 2. The official canvass of the returns of the Election for Mayor held on May 4, 2024, reflects that the following named persons received the number of votes set opposite their names:

Mayor Candidates	Votes Received
1. Erica Gillum	457
2. Katherine Ragston Ward	503

The official canvass of the returns of the election held on May 4, 2024 reflects that the following person was duly elected to fill the position of Mayor:

Katherine Ragston Ward

Section 3. The official canvass of the returns of the Election for Councilmember, Position 1 held on May 4, 2024, reflects that the following named persons received the number of votes set opposite their names:

Councilmember, Position 1 Candidates	Votes Received
Quinn Anthony Navarre, Jr.	165
Dave Shelburne	438
Mildred Jefferson	358

Section 4. The official canvass of the returns of the election held on May 4, 2024, reflects that the following persons are eligible to participate in a runoff election to fill the position of Councilmember Position No. 1:

Dave Shelburne

Mildred Jefferson

Section 5. The official canvass of the returns of the Election for Councilmember Position 2 held on May 4, 2024, reflects that the following named persons received the number of votes set opposite their names:

Councilmember Position 2 Candidates	Votes Received
Annette Rutledge Baker	254
Valencia Renita Tompkins	301
Veronica Celaya Klausmeyer	385

Section 5. The official canvass of the returns of the election for Mayor held on November 4, 2020, reflects that the following persons are eligible to participate in a runoff election to fill the position of Councilmember Position 2:

Valencia Renita Tompkins

Veronica Celaya Klausmeyer

Section 5. In accordance with the City's Charter, as concurrently amended by a Special Election held May 4, 2024 pursuant to Section 9.006, Local Government Code, and the general laws and the Constitution of the State of Texas, a Runoff Election is hereby called and ordered for June 15, 2024, at which election all qualified voters of the City may vote for the purpose of electing Councilmember, Position 1 and Councilmember, Position 2.)

Section 8. The present boundaries of the City shall constitute one election precinct. The polls shall be open on Saturday June 15, 2024 for voting from seven o'clock (7:00) a.m. until seven o'clock (7:00) p.m. at the following polling place, and the following are hereby appointed officers to conduct the election at said polling place:

LOCATION OF POLLING PLACES

Waller County Road and Bridge Annex

775 Highway 290,

Hempstead, Texas

EARLY VOTING BY PERSONAL APPEARANCE WILL BE CONDUCTED AT
THE FOLLOWING EARLY VOTING POLLING PLACE:

Waller County Road and Bridge Annex

775 Highway 290,

Hempstead, Texas

The dates and times of Early Voting by Personal Appearance period at the Early Voting Polling Place locations are as follows:

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COPY TO COME

Applications for ballot by mail shall be mailed to:

Christy A. Eason
Elections Administrator
816 Wilkins Street
Hempstead, TX 77445

The Waller County Website internet address is:
<https://www.co.waller.tx.us/page/homepage> and the City of Hempstead internet address is
<https://www.hempsteadcitytx.gov/>

Applications for a ballot by mail must be received no later than the close of business on
June 4, 2024.

ELECTION OFFICERS

The Presiding Judge and alternate judges will be appointed pursuant to the agreement to conduct elections between Waller County and the City.

Section 9. Early voting will be conducted at the locations and during the times set forth in the agreement to conduct elections between Waller County and the City. An Early Voting Board will be appointed by in accordance with the conduct of election agreement with Fort Bend County.

Section 10. All expenditures necessary for the conduct of the election, the purchase of materials, and the employment of all election officials is hereby authorized.

Section 11. A central counting station will be is established in accordance with the conduct of elections agreement with Waller County.

Section 12. The order in which the names of the candidates are to be printed on the ballot in shall be determined by a drawing by the City Secretary. The City Secretary shall post a notice at City Hall of the date, hour, and place of drawing. Each candidate involved in the drawing, or a representative designated by him, shall have a right to be present and observe the drawing.

Section 13. The candidate receiving the highest number of votes for Councilmember Position 1 or 2 in the Runoff Election shall be declared Councilmember Position 1 or 2, and elected.

Section 14. Notice of this election shall be given in accordance with the provisions of the TEXAS ELECTION CODE and returns of such election shall be made as provided for in said Code. The Mayor is authorized to issue all necessary orders and writs for such election.

Section 15. Said election shall be held in accordance with the TEXAS ELECTION CODE and the Federal Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended.

Section 16. The City Secretary is hereby authorized and directed to furnish all necessary election supplies to conduct such election.

Section 17. The City Secretary is hereby authorized and directed to provide a copy of this Ordinance to each judge as written notice of the appointment as required by Section 32.009 of the TEXAS ELECTION CODE.

Section 18. It is hereby found and determined that the public notice of the time date and location of the meeting of the City Council at which this Ordinance was considered and the posting thereof, was proper and in accordance with the law and said notice and posting are hereby authorized, approved, resolved, ratified, and confirmed.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED this ____ 14th ____ day of _May____ 2024.

Katherine Ragston Ward, Mayor

ATTEST:

Sabrina Alvarez, City Secretary

EXHIBIT A

WALLER COUNTY ELECTION REPORT

Cumulative Results Report

May 5, 2024 Uniform Election

Run Time 9:49 PM
Run Date 05/04/2024**WALLER COUNTY, TEXAS****UNIFORM ELECTION**

5/4/2024

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Unofficial Results**Registered Voters**

2765 of 0 = 0.00%

Precincts Reporting

36 of 36 = 100.00%

Hempstead ISD Proposition B

Choice	Party	Absentee Voting		Early Voting		Election Day Voting		Total	
For		64	79.01%	592	68.28%	198	64.71%	854	68.10%
Against		17	20.99%	275	31.72%	108	35.29%	400	31.90%
Cast Votes:		81	100.00%	867	100.00%	306	100.00%	1,254	100.00%
Undervotes:		3		31		12		46	
Overvotes:		1		0		0		1	

City of Hempstead Mayor - Vote for none or one

Choice	Party	Absentee Voting		Early Voting		Election Day Voting		Total	
Erica Gillum		49	67.12%	320	49.38%	88	36.82%	457	47.60%
Katherine Ragston Ward		24	32.88%	328	50.62%	151	63.18%	503	52.40%
Cast Votes:		73	100.00%	648	100.00%	239	100.00%	960	100.00%
Undervotes:		1		17		7		25	
Overvotes:		0		0		0		0	

City of Hempstead Councilmember, Position 1 - Vote for none or one

Choice	Party	Absentee Voting		Early Voting		Election Day Voting		Total	
Quinn Anthony Navarre, Jr.		8	11.27%	124	18.90%	33	14.10%	165	17.17%
Dave Shelburne		14	19.72%	294	44.82%	130	55.56%	438	45.58%
Mildred Jefferson		49	69.01%	238	36.28%	71	30.34%	358	37.25%
Cast Votes:		71	100.00%	656	100.00%	234	100.00%	961	100.00%
Undervotes:		3		9		12		24	
Overvotes:		0		0		0		0	

City of Hempstead Councilmember, Position 2 - Vote for none or one

Choice	Party	Absentee Voting		Early Voting		Election Day Voting		Total	
Annette Rutledge Baker		28	39.44%	173	26.78%	53	23.77%	254	27.02%
Valencia Renita Tompkins		32	45.07%	211	32.66%	58	26.01%	301	32.02%
Veronica Celaya Klausmeyer		11	15.49%	262	40.56%	112	50.22%	385	40.96%
Cast Votes:		71	100.00%	646	100.00%	223	100.00%	940	100.00%
Undervotes:		3		19		23		45	
Overvotes:		0		0		0		0	



City of Hempstead

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ORDINANCE NO. 24-_____

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF HEMPSTEAD, TEXAS,
CANVASSING THE RETURNS AND DECLARING THE RESULTS OF
THE SPECIAL CHARTER ELECTION HELD ON MAY 4, 2024; AND
MAKING OTHER PROVISIONS RELATED TO THE SUBJECT.**

WHEREAS, a Special Election was held in the City of Hempstead, Texas, on May 4, 2024, for the purpose of submitting propositions to amend the Home Rule Charter of the City of Hempstead, Texas; and

WHEREAS, said Election was duly and legally held in conformity with the laws of the State of Texas, including Section 9.006, Local Government Code, concurrently with the May 4, 2024 election for the Mayor and Councilmember Position No. 1 and Councilmember No. 2 of the City of Hempstead, Texas, and the results of said Election has been verified and returned by the proper judges and clerks; Now, therefore;

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**BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HEMPSTEAD,
TEXAS:**

Section 1. The facts and matters set forth in the preamble of this Ordinance are hereby found to be true and correct.

Section 2. The official Waller County, Texas, Election Administrator's Report of the returns of the Special Election held on May 4, 2024, are attached hereto as Exhibit 1 and incorporated herein for all purposes, reflects that 940 ballots were cast in the Special Election.

Section 3. The official of the returns of the Special Election held on May 4, 2024, reflects that both Charter Amendments were approved and adopted.

Section 4. The official canvass of the returns of the Special Election held on May 4, 2024, that the propositions received the following number of votes:

Proposition A

PROPOSED AMENDMENT NO. 1.

Section 1 of Article III of the Charter of the City of Hempstead, Texas, shall hereafter read as follows:

Section 1. OFFICE CREATED: QUALIFICATIONS: TERM There is hereby established the Office of Mayor of the City, the incumbent of which shall be a citizen of the United States, at least eighteen (18) years of age, a qualified voter, residing within the City for at least twelve (12) months prior to his election. The Mayor shall be elected by a majority vote of the qualified voters in the City; he/she shall hold his office for four (4) years and/or until his/her successor is elected and qualified, unless sooner removed as provided by this Article. The Mayor shall be elected in even numbered years. The City, as referred to herein, shall be deemed to include the City and any and all territory at any time annexed to the City of Hempstead. a. Head of City Government - The Mayor shall be the Chief Administrative and Executive Officer of the City. The Mayor shall devote his/her best efforts to and shall be responsible for the proper administration of its affairs. The Mayor shall preside at all meetings of the Council and shall be recognized as the head of the City Government for all ceremonial purposes, for the purpose of receiving civil process, for emergency purposes, and for military purposes.

b. Disability of the Mayor - If for any reason the Mayor fails, is unable or refuses to perform the duties of his office, the Mayor Pro Tern shall act as Mayor during such absence or disability shall possess all of the powers and perform all of the duties of the Mayor and is entitled to receive the fees and compensation prescribed for the Mayor.

c. Section 2 of Article VI, and all other sections or parts of sections of the existing charter of the City of Hempstead in conflict with this Section shall be and are hereby repealed.

FOR: 493

AGAINST: 447

Proposition B

PROPOSED AMENDMENT NO. 2

Sections 1 and 2 of Article IV of the Charter of the City of Hempstead, Texas, shall hereafter read as follows:

THE COUNCIL

Section 1. OFFICE CREATED: QUALIFICATIONS There is hereby established a Council of the City. The City, as referred to herein, shall be deemed to include the City, and any and all territory at any time annexed to the City. This Council shall consist of five (5) Councilmembers elected from the City At Large. A candidate for Councilmember shall reside within the City. The candidate for Councilmember must be a citizen of the United States, at least eighteen (18) years of age, a qualified voter residing within the City for at least twelve (12) months prior to his/her election.

Section 2. a. TERM The Councilmembers shall hereafter be elected to the following terms of office: Councilmember, Position 1 shall be elected to this position at the general election beginning with the election in 2024 and shall serve for a term of three years. The Candidate receiving the majority of votes cast for this position, and that is otherwise qualified, is elected. Councilmember, Position 2 shall be elected to this position at the general election beginning with the election in 2024 and shall serve for a term of three years. The Candidate receiving the majority of votes cast for this position, and that is otherwise qualified, is elected. Councilmember, Position 3 shall be elected to this position at the general election beginning with the election in 2026 and shall serve for a term of three years. The Candidate receiving the majority of votes cast for this position, and that is otherwise qualified, is elected. Councilmember, Position 4 shall be elected to this position at the general election beginning with the election in 2026 and shall serve for a term of three years. The Candidate receiving the majority of votes cast for this position, and that is otherwise qualified, is elected. Councilmember, Position 5 shall be elected to this position at the general election beginning with the election in 2026 and shall serve for a term of three years. The Candidate receiving the majority of votes cast for this position, and that is otherwise qualified, is elected. Councilmembers holding office in Positions 3, 4 and 5, at the time of the adoption of this amendment to Section 2, Article IV of the Charter shall hold office until the expiration of their current term of office in 2025.

FOR: 495

AGAINST: 429

Section 5. It is hereby found and determined that the public notice of the time date and location of the meeting of the City Council at which this Ordinance was considered and the posting thereof, was proper and in accordance with the law and said notice and posting are hereby authorized, approved, resolved, ratified, and confirmed.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED this __14th__ day of May 2024.

ATTEST:

Katherine Ragston Ward, Mayor

Sabrina Alvarez, City Secretary

EXHIBIT 1
Waller County Election Report

Cumulative Results Report

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City of Hempstead Proposition A

Choice	Party	Absentee Voting		Early Voting		Election Day Voting		Total	
For		52	73.24%	335	52.26%	106	46.49%	493	52.45%
Against		19	26.76%	306	47.74%	122	53.51%	447	47.55%
Cast Votes:		71	100.00%	641	100.00%	228	100.00%	940	100.00%
Undervotes:		3		24		18		45	
Overvotes:		0		0		0		0	

City of Hempstead Proposition B

Choice	Party	Absentee Voting		Early Voting		Election Day Voting		Total	
For		51	72.86%	337	53.66%	107	47.35%	495	53.57%
Against		19	27.14%	291	46.34%	119	52.65%	429	46.43%
Cast Votes:		70	100.00%	628	100.00%	226	100.00%	924	100.00%
Undervotes:		4		37		20		61	
Overvotes:		0		0		0		0	

City of Waller Mayor - Vote for none or one

Choice	Party	Absentee Voting		Early Voting		Election Day Voting		Total	
Solomon Loche Jr.		2	28.57%	11	16.42%	15	38.46%	28	24.78%
Danny Marburger		5	71.43%	48	71.64%	16	41.03%	69	61.06%
Shawn Blackmon		0	0.00%	8	11.94%	8	20.51%	16	14.16%
Cast Votes:		7	100.00%	67	100.00%	39	100.00%	113	100.00%
Undervotes:		0		2		0		2	
Overvotes:		0		0		0		0	

City of Waller Councilmember, At-Large - Vote for none or one

Choice	Party	Absentee Voting		Early Voting		Election Day Voting		Total	
Nancy Arnold		7	100.00%	56	100.00%	29	100.00%	92	100.00%
Cast Votes:		7	100.00%	56	100.00%	29	100.00%	92	100.00%
Undervotes:		0		13		10		23	
Overvotes:		0		0		0		0	