

CITY OF KEENE, TEXAS

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-461

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KEENE, TEXAS, CANVASSING THE RETURNS AND DECLARING THE RESULTS OF A GENERAL AND SPECIAL ELECTION HELD ON NOVEMBER 5, 2024, FOR THE FOLLOWING PURPOSES: ELECT A MAYOR FOR A TWO (2) YEAR TERM; ELECT ONE (1) CITY COUNCIL MEMBER FROM PLACE 1 FOR A TWO (2) YEAR TERM; ELECT ONE (1) CITY COUNCIL MEMBER FROM PLACE 3 FOR A TWO (2) YEAR TERM; ELECT ONE (1) CITY COUNCIL MEMBER FROM WARD II FOR A TWO (2) YEAR TERM; AND VOTING “YES” OR “NO” ON TEN (10) PROPOSED HOME-RULE CHARTER AMENDMENTS; MAKING OTHER DECLARATIONS AND FINDING OTHER MATTERS IN CONNECTION WITH THE SAID ELECTIONS AS SET FORTH HEREIN; ENTERING AN ORDER FINDING THAT THE CHARTER AMENDMENT PROPOSITIONS APPROVED BY A MAJORITY VOTE OF THE VOTERS OF THE CITY OF KEENE, TEXAS, ARE HEREBY ADOPTED, AND ARE EFFECTIVE UPON APPROVAL OF THIS RESOLUTION; FINDING THAT ALL MATTERS SET FORTH HEREIN ARE TRUE AND CORRECT; AND PROVIDING FOR AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, there was heretofore ordered and called for the City of Keene, Texas (the “City”) a General and Special Election to be held on November 5, 2024, for the purpose of electing a Mayor for a two (2) year term, one Council Member for Place 1 for a two (2) year term, one (1) Council Member for Place 3 for a two (2) year term, one Council Member for Ward II for a two (2) year term, and ten (10) proposed home-rule charter amendments (such elections are herein referred to together as the “Election”); and

WHEREAS, the appropriate authority of the City caused to be posted and published, in accordance with applicable laws, notices for the Election; and

WHEREAS, the Election was duly and legally held on November 5, 2024, in the City and in conformity with the City Charter and the election laws of the State, and the results of the Elections, including absentee and early voting results, have been delivered by the presiding election judge in accordance with law and have been delivered to the City of Keene City Council (“City Council”) as the canvassing authority in accordance with law; and

WHEREAS, the City Council hereby canvasses the returns of the Election set forth herein and in accordance with law and takes such other actions regarding the results of the said Election as set forth herein.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KEENE, TEXAS:

Section 1. Canvass of the Election.

A. The returns of the Election, including the returns of absentee ballots and early voting ballots, duly and legally made, showed that there were for the general election of officers held on November 5, 2024, the following votes:

MAYOR

NAME OF CANDIDATE	TOTAL NUMBER OF VOTES
Rob Foster	595
Lisa Parrish	608

COUNCILMEMBER PLACE 1

NAME OF CANDIDATE	TOTAL NUMBER OF VOTES
Nellie Youngberg	292
Troy Smith	322
Ray Johnson	187
Kaleb Boal	300

COUNCILMEMBER PLACE 3

NAME OF CANDIDATE	TOTAL NUMBER OF VOTES
James Belz	509
Bob Chapman	583

COUNCILMEMBER WARD II

NAME OF CANDIDATE	TOTAL NUMBER OF VOTES
Johnny Shaw	539
Gwen Beeson	503
Phillip Jackson	63

B. As provided by Section 4.09 of the City Charter, candidates for Mayor and City Council who received more votes than any other person for the respective office for which they are running shall be declared elected.

Mayor

In accordance therewith, **Lisa Parrish**, having received the most votes for the office of Mayor, is hereby declared elected to the office of Mayor.

Council Member Place 1

In accordance therewith, **Troy Smith**, having received the most votes for the office of Council Member, Place 1, is hereby declared elected to the office of Council Member, Place 1.

Council Member Place 3

In accordance therewith, **Bob Chapman**, having received the most votes for the office of Council Member, Place 3, is hereby declared elected to the office of Council Member, Place 3.

Council Member Ward II

In accordance therewith, **Johnny Shaw**, having received the most votes for the office of Council Member, Ward II, is hereby declared elected to the office of Council Member, Ward II.

Section 2. Proposed Home-Rule Charter Amendments.

A. The returns of the Election, including the returns of absentee and early voting ballots, held on November 5, 2024, for the purpose of submitting to the qualified voters of the City propositions regarding certain amendments to the City Charter of the City of Keene showed that there were the following votes for and against each of the propositions:

Proposition No. A

Shall Section 1.02. B. and D. of the City Charter that provides transitional language for the changes to the ward system adopted by previous Charter election be amended by deleting these obsolete transitional provisions?

VOTES CAST	
Yes	672
No	414

PROPOSITION A PASSED

Proposition No. B

Shall Sections 1.04 and 6.16 of the City Charter be amended to make them consistent with State law?

VOTES CAST	
Yes	771
No	339

PROPOSITION B PASSED

Proposition No. C

Shall Section 4.09 of the City Charter be amended to provide that the Mayor or City Council members be elected by majority vote instead of the existing plurality vote?

VOTES CAST

Yes	781
No	356

PROPOSITION C PASSED

Proposition No. D

Shall Section 3.03 of the City Charter be amended to provide that the Mayor shall make only one nomination for Mayor Pro-Tem at the City Council meeting in which election results are canvassed and new elected officials are sworn; that the City Council may appoint the Mayor Pro-Tem at the same meeting should they not elect the person nominated by the Mayor for Mayor Pro-Tem; and further be amended to clarify that the Mayor Pro-Tem shall retain the right to vote when acting as Mayor in the absence of the Mayor?

VOTES CAST

Yes	667
No	434

PROPOSITION D PASSED

Proposition No. E

Shall Sections 3.05 C. and 5.01 D. of the City Charter be amended to provide a process for the City Manager to designate a qualified City employee to exercise the duties of the City Manager during the City Manager's temporary absence or disability, and if the City Manager does not so designate, or if the temporary absence or disability exceeds thirty (30) days, the City Council may appoint a person to perform the duties of City Manager?

VOTES CAST

Yes	827
No	300

PROPOSITION E PASSED

Proposition No. F

Shall Section 3.06 B.3., 5. and 7. of the City Charter be amended to provide that the City Council must consent to excuse the failure of a City Council Member or Mayor to attend three (3) consecutive meetings of the City Council, and to provide that the Mayor or City Council member shall forfeit their office if the Mayor or City Council member is convicted of a misdemeanor crime of moral turpitude or commits two or more willful violations of the City of Keene's adopted Code of Conduct Ordinance?

VOTES CAST

Yes	771
No	341

PROPOSITION F PASSED

Proposition No. G

Shall Section 3.08 C. of the City Charter be amended to provide that a special meeting of the City Council may be called by the City Secretary on the written request of the Mayor or any two City Council members?

VOTES CAST

Yes	745
No	362

PROPOSITION G PASSED

Proposition No. H

Shall Section 3.09 E. of the City Charter be amended by eliminating the requirement that an emergency ordinance be adopted by an affirmative vote of at least four (4) members of the City Council?

VOTES CAST

Yes	495
No	602

PROPOSITION H FAILED

Proposition No. I

Shall Section 5.01 A. 1. of the City Charter be amended to remove the requirement that the City Manager consult with the City Council before appointing or removing a director or head of any administrative department?

VOTES CAST

Yes	478
No	638

PROPOSITION I FAILED

Proposition No. J

Shall Section 10.09 B. and C. of the City Charter be amended to correct the title of Subsection B. to "Referendum" and the title of Subsection C. to "Recall"?

VOTES CAST

Yes	673	-
No	364	

PROPOSITION J PASSED

B. The above foregoing amendments to the City Charter, except for Propositions Nos. H and I, having been approved by a majority of the qualified voters of the City who voted at the Charter Amendment Election, the said amendments are hereby declared adopted, in accordance with Section 9.005(a) of the Texas Local Government Code, and shall take effect immediately upon the passage of this Resolution, in accordance with Section 9.005(b) of the Texas Local Government Code, as amended.

C. The above and foregoing amendments, except for Proposition Nos. H and I, having been adopted, it is hereby ordered that such amendments to the City Charter have been and are adopted, so that the provisions of the City Charter which were subject of the Charter Amendment Election shall read as adopted and added to the respective Charter as adopted.

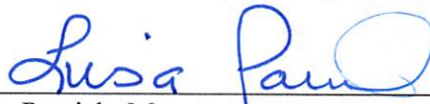
D. In accordance with Section 9.007 of the Texas Local Government Code, the Mayor of the City shall certify to the Texas Secretary of State an authenticated copy of the Charter, as amended by the above and foregoing amendments thereto, under the City's seal showing the approval by the voters of the City.

E. In accordance with Section 9.008 of the Texas Local Government Code, the City Secretary shall record in the Secretary's Office the Charter amendments set forth above, except for Proposition Nos. H and I. If the Charter and the amendments set forth above are not recorded on microfilm, as may be permitted by another law, it shall be recorded in a book kept for that purpose.

Section 3. Matters True and Correct. All of the matters set forth herein, including the matters set forth in the recitals to this Resolution, are all true and correct and made a part of this Resolution.

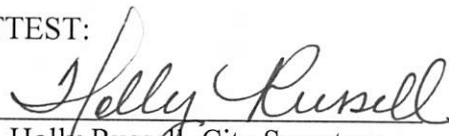
Section 4. Effective Date. This Resolution shall take effect immediately and be in full force and effect upon adoption.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the City Council of the City of Keene, Texas this 18th day of November, 2024.



Lisa Parrish, Mayor

ATTEST:



Holly Russell, City Secretary

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Robert F. Brown, City Attorney