

CITY COUNCIL - CITY OF JERSEY VILLAGE, TEXAS - AGENDA REQUEST

AGENDA DATE: November 20, 2023

AGENDA ITEM: C1

AGENDA SUBJECT: Consideration and approval of Ordinance 2023-27, canvassing Returns and Declaring Results of Bond Election.

Department/

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EXHIBITS: Ordinance No. 2023-27
November 2023 Precinct Returns – Not available at time of Packet Distribution
November 2023 Cumulative Report – Not available at time of Packet Distribution
November 2023 Canvass Report – Not available at time of Packet Distribution
Summary of Precinct Returns – Not available at time of Packet Distribution
Script for Canvass – Not available at time of Packet Distribution

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

The canvass is an official meeting of the canvassing authority (city council) for the purpose of making the election results official. The duty to conduct the canvass is a mandatory, ministerial duty and not subject to the discretion of the governing body.

Pursuant to the Texas Election Code Section 67.004, the procedure for canvass is as follows:

1. The precinct returns shall be delivered sealed to the authority.
2. The authority shall open the returns and canvass them by:
 - a. preparing a tabulation stating for and against each measure:
 - i. the report of early voting votes by precinct;
 - ii. the total number of votes received; and
 - iii. the sum of the precinct totals.

Given that we contracted with Harris County to conduct our election, they will not have the Precinct Returns ready by the time this packet is delivered. We have been told that the Precinct Return will be ready by November 19 but no later than November 20. Once the Precinct Return has been received, the City’s website will be updated with this information in accordance with the Election Code.

A summary of the Precinct Return information will be included with Ordinance 2023-27 in order that the Ordinance indicates the votes cast for each proposition.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: It is recommended: that City Council approve an Ordinance Canvassing Returns and Declaring Results of Bond Election.”

MOTION: To approve Ordinance No. 2023-27, canvassing Returns and Declaring Results of Bond Election.

SPECIAL SESSION CITY COUNCIL MEETING PACKET FOR NOVEMBER 20, 2023

