

**RESOLUTION NO. 470-25**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE HONDO CITY COUNCIL CANVASSING THE RETURNS AND DECLARING THE RESULTS OF THE SPECIAL ELECTIONS HELD IN THE CITY OF HONDO, TEXAS, ON NOVEMBER 4, 2025, FOR CITY COUNCIL PLACE 2 TO FILL AN UNEXPIRED TERM AND FOR CHARTER AMENDMENT PROPOSITIONS; DECLARING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE FOR THE CHARTER AMENDMENT PROPOSITIONS APPROVED BY THE VOTERS; AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF HONDO TO CAUSE AN ORDER TO BE ENTERED INTO THE RECORDS OF THE CITY OF HONDO DECLARING THE AMENDMENTS ADOPTED; AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR TO CERTIFY THE RESULTS OF THE SPECIAL ELECTIONS TO THE TEXAS SECRETARY OF STATE.**

**WHEREAS**, the City Council of the City of Hondo ("City Council") called a Special Charter Amendment Election on July 28, 2025, for the purpose of submitting proposed Charter Amendment Propositions to the qualified voters of the City, and further called a Special Election on August 18, 2025, for the purpose of electing one member to City Council Place 2 to fill the unexpired term, both elections to be held on November 4, 2025; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Charter was adopted May 12, 2007 and was last amended on November 3, 2020 and has served the City and its citizens well; and

**WHEREAS**, the Hondo Charter Commission, ("Commission") with the assistance of City staff and the City Attorney, reviewed the Charter and made recommendations to the City Council for Charter Amendments; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council reviewed the Charter amendments recommended by the Commission and determined that such proposed amendments should be submitted to the qualified voters of the City at the special elections held on November 4, 2025; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council hereby canvasses the returns of the Special Election for the purpose of electing one member to City Council Place 2 to fill the unexpired term, and of the Special Charter Amendment Election at which the resident, qualified electors of the City considered proposed amendments to the City Charter, and the following constitutes the official election results; and

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HONDO, MEDINA COUNTY, TEXAS:**

**Section 1.** The City Council hereby finds and determines:

**A.** This resolution is adopted at a Regular Meeting of the City Council.

- B. In accordance with the laws of the State of Texas and the Charter of the City of Hondo, Special Elections were held in the City of Hondo on November 4, 2025 (hereafter referred to as the "Elections") for the election of one member to City Council Place 2 to fill the unexpired term, and for nine (A-I) Charter Amendment propositions.
- C. The Elections were ordered and notice thereof regularly given for the time and in the manner provided by law.
- D. The returns of the Elections, properly certified, were made and returned in the manner required by law.

**Section 2.** That the returns of the Election, as corrected, having been here and now examined by the City Council, in open meeting, the City Council finds and determines there from that a total of 497 persons voted at the Election and that at said election the following candidates received the number of votes indicated opposite their respective name below:

**HONDO CITY COUNCIL PLACE 2**

<b><u>Position</u></b>	<b><u>Name of Candidate</u></b>	<b><u>Number of Votes</u></b>	<b><u>Percent</u></b>
Hondo City Council Place 2	Angela Saathoff	<u>141</u>	<u>29%</u>
	Raul "Bigg" Ytuarte	<u>94</u>	<u>20%</u>
	Benjamin "B.J. McCollum	<u>246</u>	<u>51%</u>

**Section 3.** That the returns of the Special Charter Amendment Election, as corrected, having been here and now examined by the City Council in open meeting, the City Council finds and determines therefrom that a total of 497 persons voted on the Charter Amendment Propositions submitted at the Election, and that the votes cast on each proposition were as follows:

**CHARTER AMENDMENT PROPOSITIONS**

**PROPOSITION A**

Shall Articles II, III, VI, VII, and XI of the City Charter be amended to correct typographical errors, remove duplicative and outdated language, clarify ambiguous provisions, and make other non-substantive revisions for purposes of clarity and consistency, without changing the meaning or intent of any existing provisions?

The official canvass of the returns of the special election Proposition A reflects the following:

For	434
Against	39
Total Number of Voters	473

### **PROPOSITION B**

Shall Article V, Section 5.02(2)(G) of the City Charter be amended to conform to Texas constitutional law by clarifying that an incumbent elected city official shall automatically resign their current office upon becoming a candidate for another elected office if they have more than one year and thirty (30) days remaining in their term?

The official canvass of the returns of the special election Proposition B reflects the following:

For	430
Against	43
Total Number of Voters	473

### **PROPOSITION C**

Shall Article VI, Section 6.10 of the City Charter be amended to increase the disqualification period for individuals removed from office by recall from two (2) years and thirty (30) days to three (3) years and thirty (30) days, during which they are prohibited from running for any City office?

The official canvass of the returns of the special election Proposition C reflects the following:

For	414
Against	50
Total Number of Voters	464

### **PROPOSITION D**

Shall Article VII, Section 7.05 of the City Charter be amended to require that the public hearing on the proposed budget be held at a separate City Council meeting prior to the meeting at which the budget is adopted?

The official canvass of the returns of the special election Proposition D reflects the following:

For	428
Against	44
Total Number of Voters	472

### **PROPOSITION E**

Shall Article VIII, Section 8.01(1), (2) and Article, IX, Section 9.01(1) of the City Charter be amended to require that members of City boards, commissions, and committees serve staggered terms of three (3) years for no more than three (3) consecutive terms, and to clarify that no more than one (1) member of each such body may reside in the City's Extraterritorial Jurisdiction (ETJ), if permitted by state law?

The official canvass of the returns of the special election Proposition E reflects the following:

For	427
Against	39
Total Number of Voters	466

### **PROPOSITION F**

Shall Article IX, Section 9.04(1) of the City Charter be amended to require that the City's Comprehensive Master Plan be reviewed at least once every five (5) years?

The official canvass of the returns of the special election Proposition F reflects the following:

For	447
Against	22
Total Number of Voters	469

### **PROPOSITION G**

Shall Article XI, Section 11.04 (1) of the City Charter be amended to require the City Council to appoint a Charter Review Commission every fifth (5th) year following the date on which the Charter was last amended?

The official canvass of the returns of the special election Proposition G reflects the following:

For	429
Against	33
Total Number of Voters	462

### **PROPOSITION H**

Shall Article XII, Section 12.02 of the City Charter be amended to clarify that the City Council may disannex territory within the City's corporate limits according to procedures established in the Charter, so long as those procedures are not inconsistent with the procedural requirements prescribed by state law as currently provided by Chapter 43 of the Texas Local Government Code?

The official canvass of the returns of the special election Proposition H reflects the following:

For	363
Against	91
Total Number of Voters	454

## **PROPOSITION I**

Shall Article XIV, Section 14.02 of the City Charter be amended to remove the prohibition on employment or contracting of individuals related within the first degree by affinity or consanguinity to the Mayor, Council Members, or City Manager, and to instead rely on prohibitions contained in state nepotism laws, including Chapter 573 of the Texas Government Code?

The official canvass of the returns of the special election Proposition I reflects the following:

For	324
Against	136
Total Number of Voters	460

The tabulation of votes cast in the special elections held on November 4, 2025, made and certified to by the Mayor of the City of Hondo Texas, be and the same is hereby adopted as the official tabulation filed and recorded in the official records of the City of Hondo as the official canvass of said Elections.

**SECTION 4.** That on the basis of the canvass above mentioned, the City Council finds and declares that Benjamin "B.J" McCollum received a majority of the votes for Hondo City Council Place 2 unexpired term.

**SECTION 5.** A majority of the residents, qualified electors of the City of Hondo, voting in the special election, have **voted FOR the adoption of Charter Amendment Propositions A through I.** The Council hereby determines that propositions A through I were approved, that the election was duly called, proper notice given, and that the election was held in all aspects in conformity with the law.

**SECTION 6.** 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 of Hondo for the time required by the Open Meetings Law, and that this meeting has been open to the public as required by law at all times during which this resolution 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 7.** The Charter propositions approved by the voters will be effective as of the date of this Resolution.

**SECTION 8.** The recitals contained in the preamble hereof are hereby found to be true, and such recitals are hereby made a part of this Resolution for all purposes and are adopted as a part of the judgment and findings of the City Council.

**SECTION 9.** All Resolutions or parts thereof, which are in conflict or inconsistent with any provision of this Resolution are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict, and the provisions of this Resolution shall be and remain controlling as to the matters resolved herein.

**SECTION 10.** This Resolution shall be construed and enforced in accordance with the laws of the State of Texas and the United States of America.

**SECTION 11.** If any provision of this Resolution or the application thereof to any person or circumstance shall be held to be invalid, the remainder of this Resolution and the application of such provision to other persons and circumstances shall nevertheless be valid, and the City Council hereby declares that this Resolution would have been enacted without such invalid provision.


**SECTION 12.** It is officially found, determined, and declared that the meeting at which this Resolution is adopted was open to the public and public notice of the time, place, and subject matter of the public business to be considered at such meeting, including this Resolution, was given, all as required by Chapter 551, as amended, Texas Government Code.

**SECTION 13.** The Mayor of the City is authorized to perform any and all acts necessary to implement the provisions of this Resolution in the manner prescribed by law. The Mayor shall cause such orders to be entered into the records of the municipality declaring Benjamin "B.J" McCollum has received a majority of the votes for Hondo City Council Place 2 and the Charter Amendments (A-I) adopted as prescribed by Tex. Loc. Gov't Code Ann. Sec. 9.005(b), and shall cause an authenticated copy of the charter amendments bearing the City's seal and certification showing the approval by the voters of the City of Hondo to be delivered to the Secretary of State of the State of Texas in the manner required by Tex. Loc. Gov't Code Ann. Sec. 9.007(a).


**PASSED, ADOPTED AND APPROVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HONDO THIS THE 10<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF NOVEMBER 2025.**



ATTEST:

  
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Rebekah Dolphus, City Secretary

CITY OF HONDO, TEXAS

  
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Presiding Officer  
John McAnelly, Mayor