

**NOTICE OF MEETING
CITY COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF GALVESTON
WEDNESDAY, MAY 13, 2026 - 1:30 PM
COUNCIL CHAMBERS - CITY HALL
823 ROSENBERG, GALVESTON, TEXAS
TELEPHONE: (409) 797-3510**

SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA

1. DECLARATION OF A QUORUM AND CALL MEETING TO ORDER
2. ROLL CALL
3. INVOCATION
4. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
American Flag; Texas Flag - Honor the Texas Flag. I pledge allegiance to thee, Texas, one state, under God, one, and indivisible.
5. PUBLIC COMMENT
6. ORDINANCE CANVASSING THE RETURNS OF THE MAY 2, 2026 GENERAL ELECTION
 - 6.A Consider For Approval An Ordinance Of The City Council Of The City Of Galveston, Texas, Canvassing The Returns Of The General Election Held On May 2, 2026; Officially Declaring The Results Of The Election; Declaring The Regularity And Legality Of The Election; Directing The City Secretary To Prepare The Election Register And To Preserve The Election Records; Providing For Findings Of Fact And Providing For An Effective Date.
7. RECOGNITION OF OUTGOING MAYOR/COUNCIL MEMBERS
 - 7.A
 1. City Council District 2 - David Finklea
 2. City Council District 6 - Marie Robb
 3. Mayor - Dr. Craig Brown
8. ADMINISTER THE OATH OF OFFICE TO ELECTED MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS
 - 8.A
 1. District 2 - Jeff Taylor
 2. District 3 - Bob Brown
 3. District 4 - Alex Porretto
 4. District 6 - Jason Hardcastle
 5. Mayor - John Paul Listowski
9. ORDINANCE ORDERING RUNOFF ELECTION ON JUNE 13, 2026

9.A Consider For Approval An Ordinance Of The City Council Of The City Of Galveston, Texas, Ordering A Runoff Election To Be Held In The City Of Galveston On June 13, 2026 For The Purpose Of Electing Councilmembers To District One (1) And District Five (5); Providing The Means And Method Of Carrying Out Said Election; Designating Hours For Voting; Providing Bilingual Election Requirements; Designating Polling Places; Providing For Early Voting; Providing For Notice Of The Runoff Election; Providing For A Severability Clause; Providing An Open Meetings Clause; Providing A Savings Clause; Providing For Findings Of Fact And Providing For An Effective Date.

10. ADJOURNMENT

The public is invited to attend a reception in Room 204 immediately following the Special Meeting.

I certify that the above Notice of Meeting was posted in a place convenient to the public in compliance with Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code on 05/07/2026 at 4:15 PM.

Janelle Williams

Janelle Williams, City Secretary

IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT (ADA), PERSONS IN NEED OF A SPECIAL ACCOMMODATION TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS PROCEEDING SHALL, WITHIN THREE (3) DAYS PRIOR TO ANY PROCEEDING, CONTACT THE CITY SECRETARY'S OFFICE, SUITE 201, 823 ROSENBERG, GALVESTON, TEXAS 77550 (409-797-3510).

ORDINANCE NO. 26-__

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GALVESTON, TEXAS, CANVASSING THE RETURNS OF THE GENERAL ELECTION HELD ON MAY 2, 2026; OFFICIALLY DECLARING THE RESULTS OF THE ELECTION; DECLARING THE REGULARITY AND LEGALITY OF THE ELECTION; DIRECTING THE CITY SECRETARY TO PREPARE THE ELECTION REGISTER AND TO PRESERVE THE ELECTION RECORDS; PROVIDING FOR FINDINGS OF FACT AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, on May 2, 2026, the City of Galveston (the “City”) held a General Election for the purpose of electing a Mayor at-large and six Council Members from districts, each for terms ending in May, 2028 to the Galveston City Council; and

WHEREAS, at such election, the following names of candidates for Mayor and City Council were submitted to the voters:

<u>Mayor</u>	Marie Robb William Boike John Paul Listowski
<u>District 1</u>	Gerald Wilson Sharon B. Lewis Tarris L. Woods
<u>District 2</u>	Jeffrey L. Taylor Luke Bohlman
<u>District 3</u>	Raymond Arce Bob Brown
<u>District 4</u>	Floyd William Holder IV Alexander Porretto
<u>District 5</u>	Charlie Worthen Beau James Rawlins Michael Niebuhr
<u>District 6</u>	Scott Hickman Shane McKinney Daryl Williams George R. Guajardo Jason M. Hardcastle

WHEREAS, the names of the candidates were submitted to the voters, and the General Election (the “Election”) was held and conducted and the returns thereof were made, all as required by The City Charter and the laws of the State of Texas; and

WHEREAS, review of the election returns for District 6 Council Member determined a runoff election between the two candidates receiving the most votes and second most votes. Candidates Scott Hickman and Jason M. Hardcastle qualified for a runoff election; and

WHEREAS, Texas Election Code 145.095 states if a runoff candidate withdraws, the remaining candidate is considered to be elected. On May 7, 2026, District 6 runoff candidate, Scott Hickman, formally withdrew from the runoff election. Pursuant to state law, Jason M. Hardcastle, as the remaining candidate, is considered to be elected and may take office; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has reviewed and investigated all matters pertaining to the Election, including the ordering, notices, election officers, holding, and returns thereof, and it is now necessary to declare the official results of the canvass; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Galveston, Texas, convened on Wednesday, May 13, 2026, to canvass the returns of the Election, a time in conformity with Section 67.003 of the Texas Election Code and with Article III, Section 3 of *The City Charter* of the City of Galveston, Texas.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GALVESTON, TEXAS:

SECTION 1. The findings and recitations set out in the preamble to this Ordinance are found to be true and correct and they are hereby adopted by the City Council and made a part hereof for all purposes.

SECTION 2. The City Council having convened on this the 13th day of May 2026, to canvass the returns of the General Election held on Saturday, May 2, 2026, and after canvassing the returns of said election, officially finds and determines that said election was duly ordered; proper notice of said election was duly given; proper election officers were duly appointed prior to said election; said election was duly held; the City has complied with the Federal Voting Rights Act and the Texas Election Code; and due returns of the results of said election have been made and delivered, all in accordance with applicable law and the Ordinances calling the election.

SECTION 3. (a) Upon a canvass of the returns of the election to elect a Mayor and six Council Members to the City Council of the City of Galveston, Texas, it is hereby officially declared that the following persons are all of the candidates for Mayor and City

Council and that each received the following number of votes listed beside the candidates' names, respectively:

	Candidate	<u>Number of Votes</u>	<u>% of Total Votes</u>
<u>Mayor</u>	(3 Candidates)		
	Marie Robb	2,090	36.74%
	William Boike	170	2.99%
	John Paul Listowski	3,429	60.27%
<u>District 1</u>	(3 Candidates)		
	Gerald Wilson	166	36.89%
	Sharon B. Lewis	170	37.78%
	Tarris L. Woods	114	25.33%
<u>District 2</u>	(2 Candidates)		
	Jeffrey L. Taylor	554	54.69%
	Luke Bohlman	459	45.31%
<u>District 3</u>	(2 Candidates)		
	Raymond Arce	287	37.22%
	Bob Brown	484	62.78%
<u>District 4</u>	(2 Candidates)		
	Floyd William Holder IV	140	25.88%
	Alexander Porretto	401	74.12%
<u>District 5</u>	(3 Candidates)		
	Charlie Worthen	272	25.86%
	Beau James Rawlins	345	32.79%
	Michael Niebuhr	435	41.35%
<u>District 6</u>	(5 Candidates)		
	Scott Hickman	639	35.80%
	Shane McKinney	131	7.34%
	Daryl Williams	140	7.84%
	George R. Guajardo	129	7.23%
	Jason M. Hardcastle	746	41.79%

(b) The following persons received requisite votes cast in their respective races and are therefore declared elected for a term commencing on the 13th day of May, 2026 and ending in May 2028, or as otherwise provided by law, and until their successors are duly elected and qualified:

Mayor	John Paul Listowski
District 2	Jeffrey L. Taylor
District 3	Bob Brown
District 4	Alexander Porretto

(c) Pursuant to Texas Election Code 145.095, as the runoff candidate for Council District 6 has formally withdrawn from the runoff election, the following person, as the remaining candidate, is elected for a term commencing on the 13th day of May 2026 and ending in May, 2028, or as otherwise provided by law, and until their successors are duly elected and qualified:

District 6	Jason M. Hardcastle
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SECTION 4. The City Council of the City of Galveston, Texas, upon completion of this canvass, delivers this tabulation, lists, and other records used in this canvass to the City Secretary, the general custodian of the election records, for entry into the election register as required by the Texas Election Code.

SECTION 5. The City Secretary is hereby directed to record in the election register the precinct totals of all of the election returns, which shall be incorporated into this Ordinance by reference, in accordance with State law.

SECTION 6. This canvass has been conducted in accordance with Art. III Sec, 3 of the City Charter of the City of Galveston.

SECTION 7. In accordance with Art. III Sec. 4 of the City Charter, individuals elected in a regular municipal election shall take office and enter upon the duties of office immediately after the election has been canvassed, or as soon thereafter as the person may qualify by taking and subscribing the person's oath of office

SECTION 8. It is hereby declared to be the intention of the City Council that the sections, paragraphs, sentences, clauses, and phrases of this Ordinance are severable and, if any phrase, clause, sentence, paragraph or section of this Ordinance should be declared invalid by the final judgment or decree of any court of competent jurisdiction, such invalidity shall not affect any of the remaining phrases, clauses, sentences, paragraphs, and sections of this Ordinance, because the same would have been enacted by the City Council without the

incorporation in this Ordinance of any such invalid phrase, clause, sentence, paragraph or section.

SECTION 9. All Ordinances or parts thereof in conflict herewith are repealed to the extent of such conflict only.

SECTION 10. In accordance with the provisions of Sections 12 and 13 of Article II of *The City Charter* this Ordinance has been publicly available in the office of the City Secretary for not less than 72 hours prior to its adoption; that this Ordinance may be read and published by descriptive caption only.

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

MEHRAN JADIDI
ASSISTANT CITY ATTORNEY

I, Janelle Williams, Secretary of the City Council of the City of Galveston, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of an Ordinance adopted by the City Council of the City of Galveston at a *Special Meeting* held on the 13th day of May 2026, as the same appears in records of this office.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I subscribe my name hereto officially under the corporate seal of the City of Galveston this ____ day of _____, 2026.

Secretary for the City Council
of the City of Galveston

ORDINANCE NO. 26-____

An Ordinance Of The City Council Of The City Of Galveston, Texas, Ordering A Runoff Election To Be Held In The City Of Galveston On June 13, 2026 For The Purpose Of Electing Councilmembers To District One (1) And District Five (5); Providing The Means And Method Of Carrying Out Said Election; Designating Hours For Voting; Providing Bilingual Election Requirements; Designating Polling Places; Providing For Early Voting; Providing For Notice Of The Runoff Election; Providing For A Severability Clause; Providing An Open Meetings Clause; Providing A Savings Clause; Providing For Findings Of Fact And Providing For An Effective Date.

WHEREAS, on the 2nd day of May, 2026, the City of Galveston held a General Election for the purpose of electing a Mayor at-large and six (6) Council Members from districts, each for a term of two (2) years; and

WHEREAS, at a Special Meeting held on the 13th day of May, 2026, the City Council adopted Ordinance No. 26-____, canvassing the returns of such election and declaring the fact that no candidate received the required votes to duly qualify for the Council Member seats in District One (1) and District Five (5); and

WHEREAS, The City Charter, Article III, § 2, “Election of Mayor and Councilmembers” requires a candidate to receive “fifty (50) percent of the votes plus one (1) vote” (hereinafter a “Majority Vote”) to be declared elected to office; and

WHEREAS, Texas Election Code Section 2.021 requires a runoff election to be held when no candidate for a particular office receives the votes necessary to be elected in an election requiring a majority vote; and

WHEREAS, Article XVI, § 17 of the Texas Constitution requires all incumbent Councilmembers to continue to perform the duties of their offices until their successors are duly qualified; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Galveston, Texas, deems it in the public interest to call and order a runoff election for the above offices.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GALVESTON, TEXAS:

SECTION 1. The findings and recitations set out in the preamble to this Ordinance are found to be true and correct and they are hereby adopted by the City Council and made a part hereof for all purposes.

SECTION 2. That pursuant to the provisions of Article III of The City Charter and Section 2.021 of the Texas Election Code, a runoff election is hereby called and ordered to be held in the City of Galveston, Texas, on Saturday, June 13, 2026 between the hours of 7:00 o’clock

a.m. and 7:00 o'clock p.m. for the purpose of electing a Councilmember to District One (1) and a Councilmember to District Five (5), (hereinafter the "Runoff Election").

SECTION 3. That the Runoff Election hereby called and ordered shall be conducted in accordance with the provisions of this Ordinance and in accordance with the requirements of The City Charter, and the Constitution and laws of the State of Texas regulating the holding of municipal runoff elections. The election called and ordered shall also be conducted in accordance with the provisions of the Election Services Agreement by and between the City and Galveston County approved by City Council on January 22, 2026.

SECTION 4. In accordance with the provisions of Section 2.023 of the Texas Election Code, the following persons received the highest and second highest number of votes in the May 2, 2026, General Election and are hereby designated as the only eligible candidates in the June 13, 2026, Runoff Election:

District 1 Gerald Wilson
 Sharon B. Lewis

District 5 Beau James Rawlins
 Michael Niebuhr

SECTION 5. In accordance with the provisions of Section 2.027 of the Texas Election Code, the Mayor shall certify in writing for placement on the Runoff Election ballot the names of the runoff candidates and shall deliver the certification to the City Secretary for preparation of the official ballot. The ballots used in such Runoff Election shall conform to all requirements of the laws of the State of Texas governing the same.

SECTION 6. In accordance with Chapter 43 and other applicable provisions of the Texas Election Code, this election shall be conducted utilizing countywide polling places as designated by the County of Galveston. The City Council hereby designates the locations listed below as countywide polling places to be utilized for this **joint** election.

- 1) Records and Elections Center
 10,000 Emmett F. Lowry Expressway
 Texas City, TX 77591
- 2) Historic Galveston Water & Electric Light Community Center
 715 30th Street
 Galveston, TX 77550
- 3) Moody Methodist Church
 2803 53rd Street
 Galveston, TX 77551

SECTION 7. All qualified voters of the City of Galveston in District One (1) and District Five (5) shall be entitled to vote at the Runoff Election hereby called and ordered. The Runoff Election shall be conducted in accordance with the laws of the State of Texas between the hours of 7 o'clock a.m. and 7 o'clock p.m. on June 13, 2026.

SECTION 8. (a) In compliance with Section 271.006 of the Texas Election Code, Dwight D. Sullivan, Galveston County Clerk is appointed as the Early Voting Clerk. Other deputy early voting clerks shall be appointed as needed to process early voting mail and to conduct early voting by personal appearance. Early voting by personal appearance is available at the following countywide locations, and such other early voting polling places as designated by the Early Voting Clerk.

- 1) Records and Elections Center
10,000 Emmett F. Lowry Expressway
Texas City, TX 77591
- 2) Historic Galveston Water & Electric Light Community Center
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(b). Early voting by personal appearance shall begin on June 1, 2026, and end on June 9, 2026, and shall be conducted during the following hours:

<i>Day</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Hours of operation</i>
Monday	June 1	8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Tuesday	June 2	8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Wednesday	June 3	8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Thursday	June 4	8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Friday	June 5	8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Monday	June 8	7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.
Tuesday	June 9	7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

(c) The City Council hereby appoints Doug Godinich to the Early Voting Ballot Board.

SECTION 9. (a) Notice of said election shall be given (1) by filing a copy of this election Ordinance with the City Secretary; and (2) by publication as required by State law. The notice shall be in accordance with State law.

(b) The Mayor is hereby authorized to sign an “Order of Election” and “Notice of Runoff Election.” Council directs the City Secretary to post the “Order of Election” and publish and post the “Notice of Runoff Election,” in both English and Spanish in accordance with State law.

SECTION 10. Officers of the election shall immediately at the close of the election return to the City Council the results of the election. The City Council shall canvass the returns and declare the results of the election as provided in the agreement between the City and the County, and as permitted by law.

SECTION 11. The provisions of 42 U.S.C.A., 1973aa-1a, 28 C.F.R. Part 55, and section 272.001 et seq. of the Texas Election Code, regarding members of a single-language minority, shall be observed with respect to printing and disseminating voting notices, forms, balloting materials, instructions, assistance or other materials or information relating to the electoral process, including ballots, and all such election materials shall be printed, processed and provided in the Spanish language as well as the English language, and each Election precinct shall have access to a Judge, Alternate Judge, or Clerk who is fluent in the Spanish language and who shall be instructed and required to provide assistance to any voter desiring same.

SECTION 12. The City Secretary is hereby authorized and instructed to appoint all necessary election officers and furnish all necessary election supplies to conduct said election and to comply with Federal, State, and local law in the conduct thereof.

SECTION 13. It is hereby declared to be the intention of the City Council that the sections, paragraphs, sentences, clauses, and phrases of this Ordinance are severable and, if any phrase, clause, sentence, paragraph or section of this Ordinance should be declared invalid by the final judgment or decree of any court of competent jurisdiction, such invalidity shall not affect any of the remaining phrases, clauses, sentences, paragraphs, and sections of this Ordinance, because the same would have been enacted by the City Council without the incorporation in this Ordinance of any such invalid phrase, clause, sentence, paragraph or section.

SECTION 14. It is hereby officially found and determined that notice of the meeting at which this ordinance is adopted was given as required by the Texas Open Meetings Act, and that such meeting has been open to the public at all times when this ordinance was discussed and acted on.

SECTION 15. All Ordinances or parts thereof in conflict herewith are repealed to the extent of such conflict only.

SECTION 16. In accordance with the provisions of Section 12 and 13 of Article II of The City Charter this Ordinance has been publicly available in the office of the City Secretary for not less than 72 hours prior to its adoption; that this Ordinance may be read and published by descriptive caption only.

SECTION 17. This Ordinance shall be and become effective from and after its adoption and publication in accordance with the provisions of The Charter of the City of Galveston.

SECTION 18. The election hereby called and ordered shall be conducted in accordance with the provisions of this Ordinance, The Charter of the City of Galveston, Texas, and the Constitution and laws of the State of Texas regulating the holding of local elections.

SECTION 19. The City Council hereby authorizes the City Manager to approve all valid election expenses in accordance with the current Election Services Contract with the County of Galveston.

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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