



AGENDA
CITY OF TAYLOR, TEXAS
SPECIAL CALLED CITY COUNCIL MEETING
CITY HALL, COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 400 PORTER STREET
MAY 13, 2025, 5:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER AND DECLARE A QUORUM

REGULAR AGENDA; REVIEW/DISCUSS AND CONSIDER ACTION

1. Consider approval of Resolution R25-09 canvassing the results of the May 3, 2025, general election. *Lucy Aldrich*
2. Administer Oath of Office to Council Member District 1.
3. Consider approval of Resolution R25-10 calling a runoff election on June 7, 2025, to elect a Council Member from District 4. *Lucy Aldrich*

ADJOURN

The Council may vote and/or act upon each of the items listed in this Agenda. The Council reserves the right to retire into executive session concerning any of the items listed on this Agenda, whenever it is considered necessary and legally justified under the Open Meetings Act including: Section 551.071 (Consult with attorney); Section 551.072 (Real Property); Section 551.073 (Gifts and Donations); Section 551.074 (Personnel Matters); Section 551.076 (Security Devices); and Section 551.087 (Economic Development).

I certify that the notice of meeting was posted in the Taylor City Hall Lobby before 6:00 p.m. on May 9, 2025 and remained posted for at least 72 hours continuously before the scheduled time of said meeting. I further certify that the following news media was notified of this meeting: Taylor Press.

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Posted by: Lucy Aldrich Date: May 9, 2025



City Council Meeting May 13, 2025 Transmittal Letter

STRATEGIC PILLAR

Agenda Item Number: 1.

Agenda Title: Consider approval of Resolution R25-09 canvassing the results of the May 3, 2025, general election.

Council Action to be Taken: Canvass the election results.

Department Submitted: City Clerk

Staff Contact: Lucy Aldrich, City Clerk

1. PURPOSE / DESCRIPTION

To consider a resolution canvassing the returns and declaring the official results of the City of Taylor General Election held on May 3, 2025, for the purpose of electing one Council Member from District 1 and one Council Member from District 4.

2. STAFF ANALYSIS / BACKGROUND / PRIOR COUNCIL ACTIONS

The City of Taylor held a general election on May 3, 2025, for the purpose of electing Council Members for Districts 1 and 4. The election was conducted in coordination with the Williamson County Elections Department in accordance with the Texas Election Code and the City Charter.

The election returns have been verified and certified Williamson County election officials. State law requires the governing body to officially canvass the election results not earlier than the third day or later than the eleventh day after election day.

The resolution includes the certified results as Exhibit A. Greg Redden is declared elected as Council Member for District 1 for a term ending May 2028. No candidate for the District 4 seat received a majority vote, triggering a runoff election between the two candidates receiving the highest number of votes. A separate resolution will be presented to formally order the runoff

3. PROS and CONS

<u>PROS</u>	<u>CONS</u>
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• N/A	• N/A
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4. RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends approval of the resolution canvassing the May 3, 2025, General Election results and declaring the outcome as required by law.

5. FUNDING SOURCE

N/A

6. TIMELINE

- May 3, 2025 – General Election held
- May 13, 2025 – City Council canvasses results and considers resolution to order runoff election for District 4
- June 7, 2025 – Runoff Election scheduled for District 4

7. OTHER OPTIONS

There are no alternative options. Canvassing the election is required by the Texas Election Code.

8. ATTACHMENTS

1. Resol R25-09 Canvass Election (D4 - no majority received)

RESOLUTION NO. R25-09

A RESOLUTION CANVASSING THE RETURNS AND DECLARING THE RESULTS OF THE CITY COUNCIL ELECTION HELD IN THE CITY OF TAYLOR, TEXAS ON THE 3RD DAY OF MAY 2025 FOR THE PURPOSE OF ELECTING ONE COUNCIL MEMBER FROM DISTRICT 1 AND ONE COUNCIL MEMBER FROM DISTRICT 4.

WHEREAS, the City of Taylor, Texas, held an election on May 3, 2025, for the purpose of electing one person as a member of the City Council from District 1 and one person as a member of the City Council from District 4, each to serve a three-year term expiring May 2028; and

WHEREAS, presiding judges in the election districts and the presiding judge for early voting have certified to the Williamson County Elections Administrator the results of said election; and

WHEREAS, election returns for said election districts and for early voting have been duly canvassed in accordance with the law, and upon consideration, the City Council finds that said returns were duly and legally made; and

WHEREAS, the canvassed election results for District 1 and District 4 are as follows:

District 1

Total number of votes cast, including provisional votes: _____

Candidate Name	Election Day	Early Voting	Total Votes
Greg Redden			134
Gail F. Samuels			35

District 4

Total number of votes cast, including provisional votes: _____

Candidate Name	Election Day	Early Voting	Total Votes
Shannon Quicksall			138
Gorden Pettey			2
Marie Bloemer			155
Heather Pacharzina Long			228

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Taylor, Texas that:

Section 1: The City Council of the City of Taylor, Texas has received, reviewed and hereby accepts that the election results detailed in **Exhibit "A"** are the official canvass of the Municipal Election held on May 3, 2025.

Section 2: The returns of the election have been verified by the presiding election judges and by the presiding judge of early voting, and that:

- Greg Redden - District 1 was duly elected as the District 1 Council Member to serve a three-year term expiring May 2028.

Section 3: The City Council further finds that no candidate for the District 4 City Council position received a majority of the votes cast as required by the City Charter. Therefore, a runoff election shall be held between the two candidates receiving the highest number of votes, as will be formally ordered by separate resolution.

PASSED, and **APPROVED** the 13th day of May 2025.

ATTEST:

Dwayne Ariola, Mayor

Lucy Aldrich, City Clerk

EXHIBIT A
Pending Official Results

UNOFFICIAL RESULTS



City Council Meeting May 13, 2025 Transmittal Letter

STRATEGIC PILLAR

Agenda Item Number: 3.

Agenda Title: Consider approval of Resolution R25-10 calling a runoff election on June 7, 2025, to elect a Council Member from District 4.

Council Action to be Taken: Adopt Resolution.

Department Submitted: City Clerk

Staff Contact: Lucy Aldrich, City Clerk

1. PURPOSE / DESCRIPTION

The purpose of this resolution is to call for a runoff election to be held on June 7, 2025 to elect a councilmember from District 4.

2. STAFF ANALYSIS / BACKGROUND / PRIOR COUNCIL ACTIONS

Pursuant to the Texas Election Code and the City Charter, the City of Taylor is authorized to call an election for the purpose of electing representatives to the City Council.

In the general election held on May 3, 2025, for the District 4 City Council seat, no candidate received a majority of the votes cast. According to the City Charter and the Texas Election Code, when no candidate secures a majority, a runoff election is required between the two candidates receiving the highest number of votes. Therefore, a runoff election is necessary to determine the elected representative for District 4.

The attached resolution calls for a runoff election to be held on Saturday, June 7, 2025, between Marie Bloemer and Heather Pacharzina Long, the two candidates who received the highest number of votes in the District 4 race in the general election. The resolution also designates the polling places, appoints an Early Voting Clerk, and provides notice of said election.

The City Council will canvass the results of the May 3, 2025, general election and, contingent upon those results, formally order the runoff election as outlined in the attached resolution.

3. PROS and CONS

<u>PROS</u>	<u>CONS</u>
• Required by State law and City Charter	• Required by State law and City Charter

4. RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends adoption of the resolution as presented.

5. FUNDING SOURCE

Funding is available in the FY 2024/2025 budget in the amount of \$15,000.

6. TIMELINE

In accordance with the Texas Election Code, a runoff election must be ordered as soon as practicable after the final canvass of the general election results. For the City of Taylor's May 3, 2025, general election, the City Council will canvass the results and order the District 4 runoff election on the same night, in compliance with state law.

7. OTHER OPTIONS

No other options. The City Charter and the Texas Election Code require that a runoff election be held when no candidate receives a majority of votes in a general election for a City Council seat. As no candidate received a majority in the May 3, 2025, District 4 election, a runoff must be ordered.

8. ATTACHMENTS

1. RESOLUTION R25-10 Calling for Runoff Election
2. FINAL Joint Runoff June 7, 2025 Vote Centers

RESOLUTION NO. R 25-10

A RESOLUTION CALLING A RUNOFF ELECTION TO BE HELD IN THE CITY OF TAYLOR, TEXAS, ON SATURDAY, JUNE 7, 2025, FOR THE PURPOSE OF ELECTING AN INDIVIDUAL AS A MEMBER OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF SAID CITY, TO BE ELECTED FROM DISTRICT 4 ; DESIGNATING THE POLLING PLACES AT WHICH VOTING SHALL TAKE PLACE; APPOINTING AN EARLY VOTING CLERK; PROVIDING FOR NOTICE OF SAID ELECTION.

WHEREAS, pursuant to Texas Election Code Sec. 2.021 through 2.023, if no candidate for a place on the City Council receives a majority of the vote a runoff election is required between the candidates who receive the highest and second highest number of votes; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Taylor City Charter Article 4, to be elected to a place as council member, the candidate must receive a majority vote of qualified voters who voted in the general election; and .

WHEREAS, a canvassing of the returns and declaring the results of a General Election held on May 3, 2025 was approved by the City Council on May 13, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the canvass determined that, in the race for City Council District 4, no candidates received a majority of the votes cast; and

WHEREAS, the two candidates receiving the highest number of votes for the office of City Council Member District 4, are Marie Bloemer and Heather Pacharzina Long.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TAYLOR:

1. A runoff election is hereby ordered to be held in the City of Taylor, Texas, on Saturday, June 7, 2025, between the hours of 7:00 A.M. and 7:00 P.M., for the purpose of electing an individual as a member of the City Council of the City of Taylor, to be elected from District 4. Person(s) filing as a candidate for such office(s) must be a resident of the election district for which the person files as a candidate. The person(s) elected shall be elected for a three (3) year term.
2. For the purpose of said runoff election there shall be one election district more particularly described as District 4 as set out on the map marked Exhibit "A" attached and made a part hereof for all purposes as fully as though copied herein at this place at length. Eligible voters may vote at any vote center in Williamson County.
3. The ballots used for the runoff election shall comply with the *Texas Election Code* and be in the form provided by the City to the Williamson County Elections Administrator.
4. Election Day voting by personal appearance shall be in polling places established by Williamson County. The polls shall remain open on the day of the election from 7:00 a.m. to

7:00 p.m. The returns will be provided by precincts and the Williamson County Elections Administrator shall tabulate and provide the election returns.

5. Early Voting:

- a. Early voting shall commence on Tuesday, May 27, 2025, and continue through Tuesday, June 3, 2025, and early voting polls shall remain open for the time specified by the Texas Election Code and the Elections Administrator.
- b. The last day to apply for a ballot by mail is May 27, 2025. An application for ballot by mail (ABBM) must be received by the Early Voting Clerk no later than the close of business on May 27, 2025.
- c. The last day to apply for a federal postcard application (FPCA) is May 27, 2025. An FPCA must be received by the Early Voting Clerk no later than the close of business on May 27, 2025.
- d. Early voting, both by personal appearance and by mail will be conducted by the Williamson County Elections Administrator in accordance with the Texas Election Code for the qualified voters of the City residing in District 4. Bridget Escobedo is hereby designated and appointed as an Early Voting Clerk for the runoff election for qualified voters of the City residing in District 4.
- e. Applications for ballot by mail for qualified voters of the City residing in District 4 shall be mailed to:

Bridget Escobedo
Williamson County Elections Administrator

Williamson County Elections Department
Mailing Address:
PO Box 209, Georgetown, TX 78627

Physical Address:
Williamson County Inner Loop Annex, Elections Department,
301 SE Inner Loop Ste 104, Georgetown, TX 78626

Telephone Number: (512) 943-1630
Email Address: bbm@wilco.org
Website: <https://www.wilco.org/Departments/Elections>

- f. The main early voting location for qualified voters of the City residing in District 4 is: Taylor City Hall, Auditorium, 400 Porter Street, Taylor, Texas 76574.
- g. Early voting for qualified voters of the City residing in District 4 shall be held at the dates, times, and locations authorized by the Williamson County Elections Administrator. Any early voting polling place may be added or changed by the Administrator upon compliance with applicable law.

6. The Williamson County Elections Administrator shall obtain and appoint the required Election Judge, Alternate Judge, Clerks, and members of the Early Voting Ballot Board.
7. All resident, qualified electors of District 4 shall be entitled to vote at the election.
8. The City Clerk of the City of Taylor shall give notice of election in the manner required by the Charter of the City of Taylor and the Texas Election Code and shall further give notice by posting a copy of this resolution on the bulletin board in the City Hall in Taylor, Texas, at least twenty (20) days before the election date.

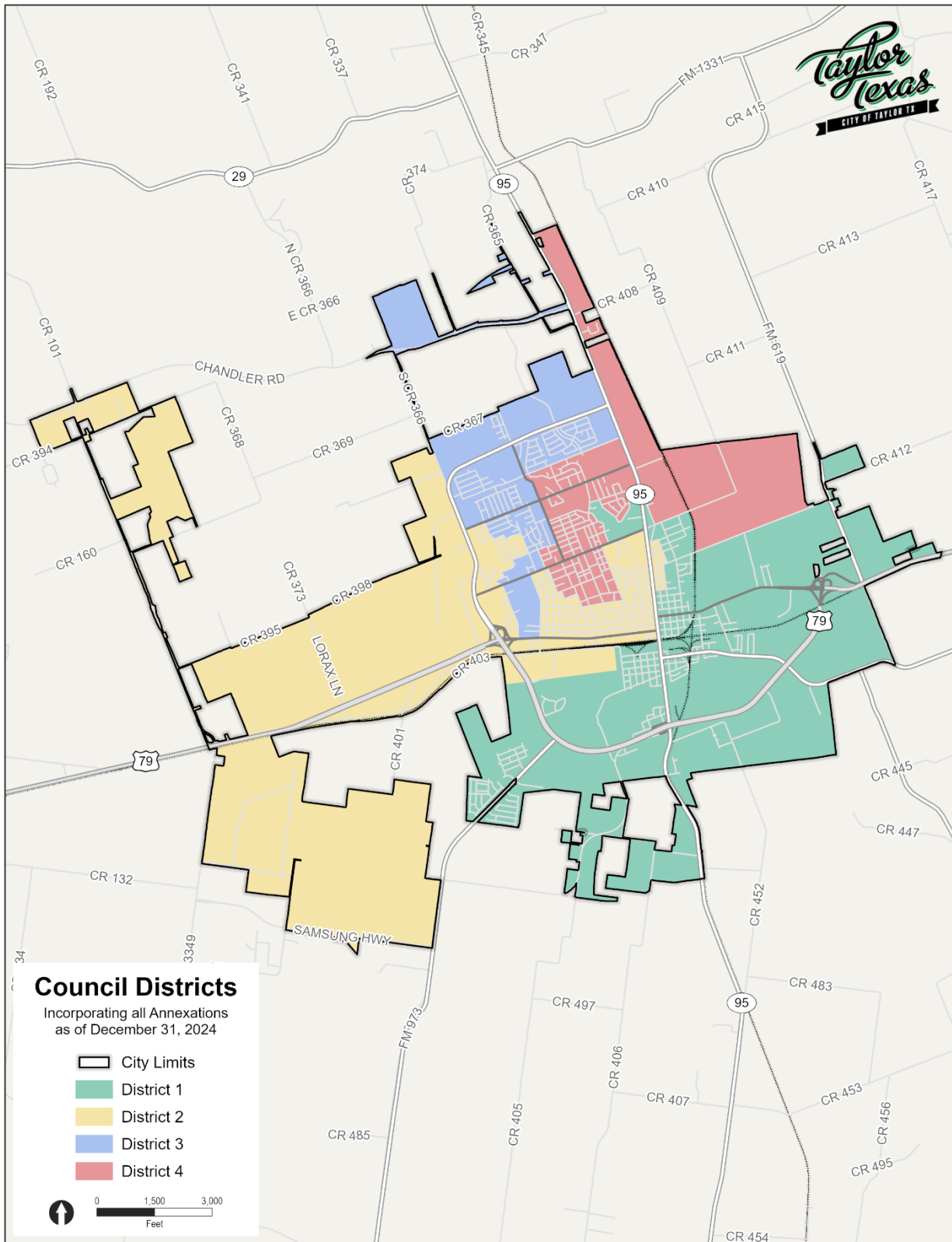
PASSED and APPROVED by the City Council of the City of Taylor this the 13th day of May, 2025.

Dwayne Ariola, Mayor

ATTEST:

Lucy Aldrich, City Clerk

EXHIBIT "A" Map



Joint Runoff Election - June 7, 2025

elecciones conjunta de segunda vuelta - 7 de junio de 2025

Early Voting Dates, Times and Locations

Fechas, horarios y lugares de votación anticipada

Tuesday, May 27, 2025 - Saturday, May 31, 2025 (8:00AM - 6:00PM)

martes, 27 de mayo de 2025 - sábado, 31 de mayo de 2025

NO VOTING - Sunday, June 1, 2025

No votar - domingo, 1 de junio de 2025

Monday, June 2, 2025 - Tuesday, June 3, 2025 (8:00AM - 6:00PM)

lunes, 2 de junio de 2025 - martes, 3 de junio de 2025

Branch Locations – *Ubicaciones de las sucursales*

- **Hutto:** Hutto City Hall, Council Chambers, 500 W Live Oak St, 78634
- **Taylor:** Taylor City Hall, Auditorium, 400 Porter St, 76574

Election Day Date, Times and Locations

Fecha, horario y lugares del día de las elecciones

Saturday, June 7, 2025 (7:00AM - 7:00PM)

sábado, 7 de junio de 2025

Branch Locations – *Ubicaciones de las sucursales*

- **Hutto:** Hutto City Hall, Council Chambers, 500 W Live Oak St, 78634
- **Taylor:** Taylor City Hall, Auditorium, 400 Porter St, 76574

Registered voters of Williamson County may vote at any location listed

Los votantes registrados de Williamson County pueden votar en cualquier lugar que esté listado

Wait time estimates available at wilcotx.gov/elections

Estimado tiempo de espera disponible en wilcotx.gov/elections

Subject to change

Sujeto a cambio