

ORDINANCE NO. 2020-15

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF FRIENDSWOOD, TEXAS, DECLARING THE UNOPPOSED CANDIDATES FOR CITY COUNCIL POSITION 2, SALLY BRANSON AND CITY COUNCIL POSITION 5, JOHN SCOTT, ELECTED; CANCELLING THE MAY 02, 2020, GENERAL ELECTION, AND A RUNOFF ELECTION ON JUNE 13, 2020, FOR SUCH POSITIONS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES INCONSISTENT OR IN CONFLICT HEREWITH.

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WHEREAS, pursuant to City of Friendswood, Texas, Ordinance 2020-06, passed, approved, and adopted on February 3, 2020, a general municipal election was ordered to be held on May 02, 2020, and a runoff election on June 13, 2020, for the purpose of electing two officials of the City, to wit: City Council Position 2 and City Council Position 5; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to said Ordinance and Sections 143.007 and 146.054 of the TEXAS ELECTION CODE, the deadline for filing applications for a place on the ballot and declaration of write-in candidacy for the City's municipal officers election has expired, the same being 5:00 p.m. February 18, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the City Secretary, in accordance with Section 2.052, TEXAS ELECTION CODE, has certified to the City Council in writing that Sally Branson, City Council Position 2 and John Scott, City Council Position 5 are unopposed for election to the subject offices; a copy of such Certification of Unopposed Candidates labeled Exhibit "A" which is attached hereto and made a part hereof; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has received and accepted the Certification of Unopposed Candidates from the City Secretary; and

WHEREAS, the City Council hereby finds and determines that the candidates for City Council Position 2, Sally Branson, and City Council Position 5, John Scott, whose names are to appear on the ballot in said general election are unopposed; and no opposed at-large elections are to appear on the ballot for such general election with respect to such candidates;

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

Section 1. The facts and matters set forth in the preamble of this ordinance are hereby found to be true and correct.

Section 2. In accordance with Section 2.053(a), TEXAS ELECTION CODE, the following candidates have been certified as unopposed and are hereby declared duly elected to the respective offices shown and shall be issued a certificate of election following the date the general election was to have been held in accordance with the TEXAS ELECTION CODE:

**Sally Branson – City Council Position 2
John Scott – City Council Position 5**

Section 3. Pursuant to Section 2.053(b), TEXAS ELECTION CODE, the general municipal election heretofore called and ordered pursuant to City of Friendswood, Texas, Ordinance 2020-06, for the 2nd day of May, 2020, and a runoff election on June 13, 2020, shall not be held for the office of City Council Position 2, and City Council Position 5 and said general election is hereby cancelled.

Section 4. The City Secretary is hereby directed to cause a copy of this ordinance to be posted on election day, the same being May 02, 2020, at the polling places that would have been used in such election.

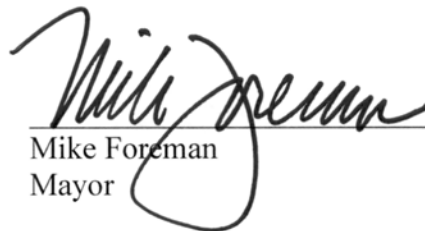
Section 5. In the event any clause, phrase, provision, sentence, or part of this ordinance or the application of same to any person or circumstance shall for any reason be adjudged invalid or held unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, it shall not affect, impair, or invalidate this ordinance as a whole or any part or provision hereof other than the part declared to be invalid

or unconstitutional; and the City Council of the City of Friendswood, Texas, declares that it would have passed each and every part of the same notwithstanding the omission of any such part thus declared to be invalid or unconstitutional, whether there by one or more parts.

Section 6. All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent or in conflict herewith are, to the extent of such inconsistency or conflict, hereby repealed.

Section 7. 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 for the time required by law preceding this meeting, as required by the Open Meetings Law, Chapter 551, Texas Government Code; and that this meeting has been open to the public as required by law at all times during which this ordinance 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.

PASSED AND APPROVED on first and final reading this 2nd day of March, 2020.


Mike Foreman
Mayor

ATTEST:



Melinda Welsh, TRMC
City Secretary



EXHIBIT "A"
CERTIFICATION OF UNOPPOSED CANDIDATES



**CITY OF FRIENDSWOOD
OFFICE OF THE CITY SECRETARY**

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**CERTIFICATION OF UNOPPOSED CANDIDATES
CERTIFICACIÓN DE CANDIDATOS ÚNICOS**

To: Presiding Officer of Governing Body

Al: Presidente de la entidad gobernante

As the authority responsible for having the official ballot prepared, I hereby certify that the following candidates are unopposed for election to office for the General Election scheduled to be held on May 02, 2020.

Como autoridad a cargo de la preparación de la boleta de votación oficial, por la presente certifico que los siguientes candidatos son candidatos únicos para elección general para un cargo en la elección que se llevará a cabo el 02 de Mayo, 2020.

List offices and names of candidates:

Lista de cargos y nombres de los candidatos:

Office(s) Cargo(s)

Candidate(s) Candidato(s)

Councilperson Position 2

Sally Branson

Miembros de Concilio Posicione numero 2

Councilperson Position 5

John Scott

Miembros de Concilio Posicione numero 5



Signature (Firma)

Melinda K. Welsh

Printed name (Nombre en letra de molde)

City Secretary

Title (Puesto)

February 18, 2020 @ 7:20 PM

Date of signing (Fecha de firma)

