



AGENDA DOCUMENTATION

7.1.

Meeting Date: April 18, 2017

**TO: DURANGO CITY COUNCIL FROM: AMY PHILLIPS, CITY CLERK
DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATIVE
SERVICES**

SUBJECT: CERTIFICATION OF THE APRIL 4, 2017 ELECTION RESULTS

PURPOSE/BACKGROUND

Pursuant to the Durango City Charter and the Uniform Election Code of 1992 I will present for Council approval certification of the results of the regular election held on April 4th.

The election was conducted to elect three City Councilors from a field of five (5) candidates and to ask the voters Question 1-A. The three (3) candidates receiving the most votes will be sworn in tonight for terms of (4) four-years.

As certification reflects that Melissa Youssef received 3,565 votes, Dean Brookie received 3,025 votes and Chris Bettin received 2,368 votes. Question 1-A failed with 3,094 votes cast against the Ordinance and 1,735 votes cast for the Ordinance.

Question 1A- Shall the following citizen initiated ordinance be approved?

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 25 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF DURANGO BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW SECTION STATING THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS/DIVISION OF PUBLIC UTILITIES OF THE CITY AND ALL CITY EMPLOYEES ARE PROHIBITED FROM ADDING FLUORIDE (OR ANY CHEMICAL CONTAINING FLUORIDE FOR THE PURPOSES OF FLUORIDATION) TO THE CITY'S PUBLIC WATER SYSTEM AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE OF JUNE 1, 2017.

_____ FOR THE ORDINANCE _____ AGAINST THE ORDINANCE

The canvass of votes verified that 12,197 ballots were distributed to active registered voters and those inactive registered voters who requested a ballot. Of that number, 11,410 ballots were delivered to voters, and 787 ballots were returned marked "undeliverable". A total of 4,900 ballots were counted, resulting in a 43 percent voter turnout based on the total ballots delivered to voters or a 40 percent voter turnout based on the number of ballots distributed. (The ballots cast in 2017 was increased by 946 ballot or 24 percent increase.) 48 ballots came in after the 4th 39 of those on the 5th)

ELECTION HISTORY

The 2015 canvass of votes verified that 10,323 ballots were distributed to active registered voters and those inactive registered voters who requested a ballot. Of that number, 9,713 ballots were delivered to registered voters, and 610 ballots were returned marked "undeliverable" by the U.S. Postal Service. A total of 3,954 ballots were counted, resulting in a 41 percent voter turnout based on the total ballots delivered to voters or a 38 percent voter turnout based on the number of ballots distributed. The per ballot cost for the 2015 Municipal Election was \$4.70.

The 2013 canvass of votes verified that 9,882 ballots were distributed to active registered voters and those inactive registered voters who requested a ballot. Of that number, 9,378 ballots were delivered to a like number of registered voters, and 504 ballots were returned marked "undeliverable" by the U.S. Postal Service. A total of 3,442 ballots were counted, resulting in a 37 percent voter turnout based on the total ballots delivered to voters or a 34 percent turnout based on the number of ballots distributed. The per ballot cost for the 2013 Municipal Election was \$5.00.

The 2011 canvass of votes verified that 6,602 ballots were distributed to active registered voters and those inactive registered voters who requested a ballot. Of that number, 6,269 ballots were delivered to a like number of registered voters, and 333 ballots were returned marked "undeliverable" by the U.S. Postal Service. A total of 3,403 ballots were counted, resulting in a 54 percent voter turnout based on the total ballots delivered to voters or a 51 percent turnout based on the number of ballots distributed. The per ballot cost for the 2011 Municipal Election was \$3.62.

FISCAL IMPACT

The total expense associated with the Election was \$18, 059 resulting in a \$3.69 per-ballot cost. Does Council have any questions?

RECOMMENDATION


It is the recommendation of the City Manager, City Attorney and myself that the Council, by motion,

approve the April 4, 2017 Certification of Election Results.

Ronald P. LeBlanc

City Manager Ronald P. LeBlanc

Official Ballot for the City of Durango, Colorado
Regular Municipal Election
Tuesday, April 4, 2017


Amy Phillips
Durango City Clerk

"WARNING: Any person who, by use of force or other means, unduly influences an eligible elector to vote in any particular manner or to refrain from voting, or who falsely makes, alters, forges, or counterfeits any mail ballot before or after it has been cast, or who destroys, defaces, mutilates, or tampers with a ballot is subject, upon conviction, to imprisonment, or to a fine, or both." 1-7.5-107(3)(b), C.R.S.

INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS:

To vote for the candidate or measure of your choice, completely fill in the oval to the LEFT of the candidate or measure. If you tear, deface, or wrongly mark this ballot, contact the City Clerk's office to receive a replacement ballot.

VOTE LIKE THIS: ● Please use a black or blue pen.

Insert ballot in secrecy sleeve; insert secrecy sleeve in return envelope provided. Signature on return envelope must correspond to name on label. One ballot per envelope. Ballot must be received no later than 7:00 p.m. April 4, 2017.

Postmarks are not accepted.

Ballots may be returned by mail (one 49¢ postage stamp required) or at one of the drop site locations listed below:

City Hall (Mon-Fri 8am-4:30pm), 949 E 2nd Ave, Durango
La Plata County Clerk's Office (24 Hours), 98 Everett St Ste C, Durango

City Council
(Vote for no more than three)

- Melissa Youssef
- Dean Brookie
- Tom Eskew
- Chris Bettin
- Dave McHenry

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