

Anniston, Alabama

September 1, 2020

The City Council of the City of Anniston, Alabama, met in Special Session in the Main Hall at the Anniston City Meeting Center in the City of Anniston, Alabama, on Tuesday, September 1, 2020, at approximately 11:10 o'clock p.m.

Ben Little, Council Member, prayed the Invocation.

Ben Little, Council Member, led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Mayor Draper called the meeting to order. On call of the roll, the following Council Members were found to be present: Council Members Jenkins, Little, Harris, and Draper, absent: Council Member Reddick. A quorum was present and the meeting opened for the transaction of business.

Council Member Harris made a motion to adopt the agenda. The motion was seconded by Council Member Jenkins and on call of the roll the following vote was recorded: ayes: Council Member Jenkins, Harris and Draper; nays: Council Member Little. The motion carried and the agenda was adopted.

The Council canvassed the votes for the August 25, 2020, Municipal Election.

Council Member David Reddick enters the council chambers at approximately 11:14 o'clock a.m.

Mayor Draper introduced and read Resolution 20-R-62:

RESOLUTION NUMBER 20-R-62

A RESOLUTION CERTIFYING THE RESULTS OF THE AUGUST 25, 2020, MUNICIPAL ELECTION FOR CITY COUNCIL

BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Anniston, Alabama as follows:

WHEREAS, the regular municipal election for the purpose of electing the members of the City Council (composed of five persons designated as Council Member at Large, and Council Members from Wards 1, 2, 3 and 4 respectively) of the City of Anniston, Alabama was held in said City on Tuesday, August 25, 2020; and

WHEREAS, this is the time and place for the City Council of the City to proceed to open envelopes addressed to the Mayor, which have been delivered by the several inspectors or returning officers to the City Clerk of the City to canvas the returns and ascertain and determine the number of votes received by each candidate.

NOW THEREFORE, having performed the aforesaid duties required by law, the City Council of the City of Anniston, Alabama does hereby find, resolve and declare as follows:

Section 1. That the number of votes cast for each candidate for the office of Council Member at Large (Mayor) of said City is set forth opposite each such candidate's name below as follows:

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| a. | Tim Brunson | 436 |
| b. | Bob Folsom | 199 |

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| c. | Jack Draper | 1447 |
| d. | David Reddick | 1065 |
| e. | Anthony "Big Sweatt" Gregory | 569 |

Section 2. That the number of votes cast for each candidate for the office of Council Member from Ward 1 of said City is set forth opposite each such candidate's name below as follows:

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| a. | Angela Fears | 263 |
| b. | Jay Jenkins | 350 |
| c. | Erica Tolson | 155 |

Section 3. That the number of votes cast for each candidate for the office of Council Member from Ward 2 of said City is set forth opposite each such candidate's name below as follows:

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| a. | Dann Huguley | 246 |
| b. | Brenton Tolson | 184 |
| c. | Demetric "D.D." Roberts | 345 |

Section 4. That the number of votes cast for each candidate for the office of Council Member from Ward 3 of said City is set forth opposite each such candidate's name below as follows:

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| a. | Benjamin L. Little | 237 |
| b. | Seyram Selase | 110 |
| c. | Justin "Dj Steen" | 16 |
| d. | Ciara Smith | 321 |

Section 5. That the number of votes cast for each candidate for the office of Council Member from Ward 4 of said City is set forth opposite each such candidate's name below as follows:

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| a. | Millie Harris | 835 |
| b. | Daniel Hughes | 633 |

Section 6. That no candidate received a majority of votes for the office of the Council Member At Large (Mayor); therefore, a second "runoff" election is hereby ordered to be held on Tuesday, October 6, 2020, within said City at which election Jack Draper and David Reddick, the two candidates for Council Member At Large (Mayor) who received the most and second most votes respectively, shall be candidates for said office and the one receiving the highest number of votes for that office in the second or "runoff" election shall be declared elected.

Section 7. That no candidate received a majority of votes for the office of the Council Member from Ward 1; therefore, a second "runoff" election is hereby ordered to be held on Tuesday, October 6, 2020, within said City at which election Angela Fears and Jay Jenkins, the two candidates for Council Member

from Ward 1 who received the most and second most votes respectively, shall be candidates for said office and the one receiving the highest number of votes for that office in the second or “runoff” election shall be declared elected.

Section 8. That no candidate received a majority of votes for the office of the Council Member from Ward 2; therefore, a second “runoff” election is hereby ordered to be held on Tuesday, October 6, 2020, within said City at which election Dann Huguley and Demetric “D.D.” Roberts, the two candidates for Council Member from Ward 2 who received the most and second most votes respectively, shall be candidates for said office and the one receiving the highest number of votes for that office in the second or “runoff” election shall be declared elected .

Section 9. That no candidate received a majority of votes for the office of the Council Member from Ward 3; therefore, a second “runoff” election is hereby ordered to be held on Tuesday, October 6, 2020, within said City at which election Benjamin Little and Ciara Smith, the two candidates for Council Member from Ward 3 who received the most and second most votes respectively, shall be candidates for said office and the one receiving the highest number of votes for that office in the second or “runoff” election shall be declared elected.

Section 10. That Millie Harris received a majority of the votes for the office of Council Member from Ward 4 and she is hereby declared elected to said office.

Section 11. That a second or “runoff” election shall be held in Wards 1, 2, and 3 on October 6, 2020, by the same election officials for Wards 1, 2, and 3 who held the first election and at the same places as the first election was held in Wards 1, 2, 3 and 4 on August 25, 2020, at which time the polls shall be open for voting during the same hours as said polls were open in the original election.

Section 12. That certificates of election signed in the name of the City Council by its members and attested by the City Clerk shall be given to:

Millie Harris

Which shall entitle each of them to the position of their respective offices immediately upon the expiration of the term of the current Council offices on Monday, November 2, 2020.

Section 13. That the City Clerk shall file a copy of each such certificate of election in the office of the Judge of Probate of Calhoun County, Alabama.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this the 1st day of September, 2020.

CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ANNISTON, ALABAMA

By:/s/ Jack Draper, Mayor

By:/s/ Jay Jenkins, Council Member

By:/s/ David E. Reddick, Council Member

By:/s/ Millie Harris, Council Member

ATTEST:

Skyler Bass, City Clerk

Council Member Jenkins made a motion for passage and adoption of Resolution 20-R-62. The motion was seconded by Council Member Reddick.

Council Member Little stated that he hopes an election in the City of Anniston never gets as negative and debaucherous as what took place in Ward 4. He stated that they tried to dehumanize and ostracize an individual and his family; some by people within the city and some outside of the city. He stated he does not know why the attraction and intention to destroy someone's life only because they offered for public service. He stated that someone should be held accountable for that type of action. He stated that it seems some people just want people in positions, not for money, but so they can get their things through to continue to rob, pillage, the public coffin of this city. He stated that they should look at some changes in some of the poll workers. He stated that the truth is always a bully to a lie.

Council Member Harris stated that she believes that was very unfortunate, what happened. She stated that the City's local newspaper's basic duty is to inform the citizens and if that had been done then this would have never happened. She stated she is sorry that it did but if the newspaper has played the role of a local newspaper and informed the voters than this would have never happened.

Council Member Little stated that the city's local newspaper has come out with Mr. Tudor and they want to dip their noses into something. He stated that it is so unfortunate that the City Hall is located in that building and paying their funds and they want to ostracize and characterize what the election should look like. He stated that the newspaper is the most demoralizing thing in this city and the city hall should move as soon as possible.

Council Member Reddick stated that everyone has the right to run and no one should be attacked because they want to serve the general public. He stated that this is not a high paying job and most people lose money to do this. He stated everything aside he applauds [Daniel Hughes] efforts for running and everyone that got in this race because this is part of the democratic process that we adopted in this country to make it as great as it is.

Mayor Draper stated that they can all agree that this election got pretty ugly and his hope is that the run-off will not be like that. He stated, like Council Member Reddick said, all those that chose to run...

And on call of the roll the following vote was recorded: ayes: Council Member Jenkins, Reddick, Harris and Draper; nays: none; abstentions: Council Member Little. The motion carried and Resolution 20-R-62 was passed and adopted.

Mayor Draper introduced and read Resolution 20-R-63:

RESOLUTION NUMBER 20-R-63

A RESOLUTION CERTIFYING THE RESULTS OF THE AUGUST 25, 2020 MUNICIPAL ELECTION FOR THE ANNISTON CITY BOARD OF EDUCATION

BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Anniston, Alabama as follows:

WHEREAS, the City of Anniston conducted an election for the purpose of electing the members of the Anniston City Board of Education (compose of five persons designated as Board Member at Large, and Board Members from Wards 1, 2,3, and 4 respectively) of the City of Anniston, Alabama was held in said City on Tuesday, August 25, 2020; and

WHEREAS, this is the time and place for the City Council of the City to proceed to open envelopes addressed to the Mayor, which have been delivered by the several inspectors or returning officers to the City Clerk of the City to canvas the returns and ascertain and determine the number of votes received by each candidate.

NOW THEREFORE, having performed the aforesaid duties required by law, the City Council of the City of Anniston, Alabama does hereby find, resolve and declare as follows:

Section 1. That the number of votes vast for each candidate for the office of Board of Education Member from Ward 3 of said City is set forth opposite each such candidate's name below as follows:

- a. Rekenna Clay
- b. Mary L. Harrington

Section 2. That Mary L. Harrington received a majority of the votes for the office of Board of Education Member Ward 3 and she is hereby declared elected to said office.

Section 3. That certificates of election signed in the name of the City Council be its members and attested by the City Clerk shall be given to:

Mary L. Harrington

Which shall entitle each of her to the position of her respective office immediately upon the expiration of the term of the current Board Member's office on Monday, November 2, 2020.

Section 4. That the City Clerk shall file a copy of each such certificate of election in the office of the Judge of Probate of Calhoun County, Alabama.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this the 1st day of September, 2020.

CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ANNISTON, ALABAMA

By:/s/ Jack Draper, Mayor

By:/s/ Jay Jenkins, Council Member

By:/s/ David E. Reddick, Council Member

By:/s/ Millie Harris, Council Member

ATTEST:

Skyler Bass, City Clerk

Council Member Jenkins made a motion for passage and adoption of Resolution 20-R-63. The motion was seconded by Council Member Reddick. And on call of the roll the following vote was recorded: ayes: Council Member Jenkins, Reddick, Harris and Draper; nays: none; abstentions: Council Member Little. The motion carried and Resolution 20-R-63 was passed and adopted.

Council Member Jenkins left the council chambers at approximately 12:19 o'clock p.m.

There being no further business to come before the council at that time Mayor Draper made a motion the meeting be adjourned. The motion was seconded by Council Member Harris; and on call of the roll, the following vote was recorded: ayes: Council Members Reddick, Little, Harris and Draper; nays: none. The motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at approximately 12:20 o'clock p.m.