

RESOLUTION NO. R2023-055

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YUMA, ARIZONA, DECLARING AND ADOPTING THE OFFICIAL CANVASS OF THE RESULTS OF THE SPECIAL ELECTION HELD ON NOVEMBER 7, 2023

WHEREAS, a Special Election was held on November 7, 2023, for the purpose of referring three questions, titled Proposition 419, 420 and 421, to the qualified electors of the City of Yuma; and,

WHEREAS, notice of the Special Election was duly and regularly given in time, form and manner as provided by law; that an all mail ballot election was properly established; and that in all respects the election was held and conducted and the votes were cast and received and the return made and declared in time, form and manner as required by the provisions of state election laws for the holding of elections in cities; and,

WHEREAS, Article IV of the Yuma City Charter and Arizona Revised Statutes §§ 16-642 and 16-646 require the City Council of the City of Yuma to canvass and declare the results of the Special Election.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Yuma, as follows:

SECTION 1: That the City Clerk shall enter on the records of the City of Yuma a statement, known and designated as the Official Canvass, which shall recite:

1. The number of ballots cast in each precinct
2. The number of ballots rejected in each precinct
3. The number and a brief title of the measure(s)
4. The number of votes by precinct for and against the measure(s)

SECTION 2: That the number of votes cast at each precinct and the number of votes cast in the City of Yuma Special Election are listed in the attached Exhibit “A”, which is hereby declared and adopted as the Official Canvass.

SECTION 3: That the total number of ballots cast in the City of Yuma Special Election was 8,348.

SECTION 4: That the votes cast as to Proposition 419, requesting to amend the Charter of the City of Yuma to designate that the City Attorney serve at the pleasure of, be appointed by, and have their compensation fixed by the Mayor and City Council instead of the City Administrator:

- 8,187 total votes cast
- 4,986 votes cast in support
- 3,201 votes cast in opposition

Therefore, Proposition 419 is hereby declared to have passed.

SECTION 5: That the votes cast as to Proposition 420, requesting to amend the Charter of the City of Yuma to adjust the compensation of the Mayor from \$12,000 a year to 60% of the compensation provided to the Yuma County Supervisors and each Councilmember from \$3,600 a year to 30% of the compensation provided to the Yuma County Supervisors:

- 8,204 total votes cast
- 3,850 votes cast in support
- 4,354 votes cast in opposition

Therefore, Proposition 420 is hereby declared to have failed.

SECTION 6: That the votes cast as to Proposition 420, requesting to amend the Charter of the City of Yuma to allow City Council the discretion to pay the City Administrator, upon removal from employment, with or without cause, a sum not exceeding six-months salary as severance pay, instead of two:

- 8,253 total votes cast
- 2,324 votes cast in support
- 5,929 votes cast in opposition

Therefore, Proposition 421 is hereby declared to have failed.

Adopted this _____ day of _____, 2023.

APPROVED:

Douglas J. Nicholls
Mayor

ATTEST:

Lynda L. Bushong
City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Richard W. Files
City Attorney