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SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
NOVEMBER 10, 2010

The City Council met at the above place and date. Meeting was called to order at 3:03 p.m. Mayor John Cook present and presiding and the following Council Members answered roll call: Ann Morgan Lilly, Susie Byrd, Emma Acosta, Carl Robinson, Rachel Quintana, Eddie Holguin, Jr., Steve Ortega, and Beto O'Rourke.

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**CANVASS OF RETURNS OF THE
2010 CITY SPECIAL ELECTION**

THE STATE OF TEXAS)
)
COUNTY OF EL PASO)

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of El Paso ordered a special election to be held in said City on November 2, 2010, for the purpose of submitting a measure to the voters pursuant to Section 3.11 of the City Charter; and

WHEREAS, the election officers who held said election have duly made returns of the results thereof, and said returns have been duly delivered to said City Council.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FOUND AND DETERMINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EL PASO:

1. That the City Council officially finds and determines that said election was duly held, returned and canvassed; more specifically, as follows: that proper notice of said election was duly given, that proper election officers were duly appointed prior to said election, that said election was duly held, that due returns of the results of said Special Election have been duly made and delivered, that the election returns have properly been made out and duly certified by the officers of said election in the different voting precincts of the City, and that the City Council has duly canvassed said returns, all in accordance with law and the resolution and amendments thereto calling said election.

2. (a) That the City Council officially finds and determines that the following votes were cast at said election for the measure by the resident, qualified electors of said City, who voted at the Special Election:

ADOPTION OF AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF EL PASO
text of the proposed ordinance

Adoption of an untitled ordinance providing as follows: "The city of El Paso endorses traditional family values by making health benefits available only to city employees and their legal spouse and dependent children."

Ballot Measure

FOR (39,016 votes) Shall the Ordinance, endorsing traditional family values by making health benefits available only to city employees and their legal spouse and dependent children, be approved?
AGAINST (31,892 votes)

(b) That the City Council officially finds, determines and declares the result of said Special Election for the submission of a measure, that the measure did receive a majority vote and therefore carried.

(c) That by operation of law, the ordinance of the electorate of the City as set forth in the accompanying ordinance and titled, "An Ordinance of the Electorate of the City of El Paso Adopted by Operation of Law Pursuant to the Initiative Authority of Section 3.11 of the El Paso City Charter, Endorsing Traditional Family Values by Making Health Benefits Available Only to City Employees and Their Legal Spouse and Dependent Children", is adopted.

3. That on file in the City Clerk's Office and made a part hereof by reference are copies of the mechanical precinct tabulations of the votes cast at the 2010 City Special Election showing the number of votes cast in each precinct for the initiative petition ordinance.

4. That this canvass is made subject to the right of any person to contest such election in any way provided by law.

5. That this canvass was acted upon in accordance with the law by the presiding officer and the City Council and was deemed by said City Council that upon passage of the canvass, it shall take effect immediately.

6. That this canvass shall be spread upon the minutes of the City Council, and the City Clerk shall record the vote on the approved measure as may be required by law.

Mayor Cook and Representatives Byrd, Acosta, Robinson, Quintana, Holguin, and O'Rourke commented.

Mr. Charlie McNabb, City Attorney, gave legal advice.

Motion made by Representative Lilly, seconded by Representative Quintana, and unanimously carried to **APPROVE** the Ordinance.

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ORDINANCE 017456

AN ORDINANCE OF THE ELECTORATE OF THE CITY OF EL PASO ADOPTED BY OPERATION OF LAW PURSUANT TO THE INITIATIVE AUTHORITY OF SECTION 3.11 OF THE EL PASO CITY CHARTER, ENDORSING TRADITIONAL FAMILY VALUES BY MAKING HEALTH BENEFITS AVAILABLE ONLY TO CITY EMPLOYEES AND THEIR LEGAL SPOUSE AND DEPENDENT CHILDREN.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE ELECTORATE OF THE CITY OF EL PASO:

That the City of El Paso endorses traditional family values by making health benefits available only to city employees and their legal spouse and dependent children.

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Motion made by Representative Robinson, seconded by Representative Lilly, and unanimously carried to adjourn this meeting at 3:12 p.m.

NOT PRESENT FOR THE VOTE: Representative Byrd

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APPROVED AS TO CONTENT:

Richarda Duffy Momsen, City Clerk