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Date: April 18, 2023

**TITLE:** To consider and take action with respect to adopting a resolution providing for canvassing the returns and declaring the result of the special election held in the City of Alexandria, State of Louisiana, on Saturday, April 29, 2023, to authorize the renewal of a special tax therein.

**Explanation of Proposal:**

Additional Information Attached

☐**Budget:**☐

Neutral

Within  
ExistingRequires  
Amendment

Account Number:

Expense Amount:

Account Line Item:

Remaining Amount:

**Authorization:**

1. Mayor

2. City Attorney

3. Finance Director

4. Division Director

5. Department Head

6. Purchasing Agent

**Council Staff**

Form

☐**Review:**

Content

☐**Information:**

Sufficient

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Insufficient

☐**Remarks:**

The following resolution was offered by \_\_\_\_\_ and seconded  
by \_\_\_\_\_:

### RESOLUTION

A resolution providing for canvassing the returns and declaring the results of the special election held in the City of Alexandria, State of Louisiana, on Saturday, April 29, 2023, to authorize the renewal of a special tax therein.

BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Alexandria, State of Louisiana (the "Governing Authority"), acting as the governing authority of the City of Alexandria, State of Louisiana (the "City"), that:

SECTION 1. Canvass. This Governing Authority does now proceed in open and public session to examine the official tabulations of votes cast at the special election held in the City of Alexandria, State of Louisiana, on SATURDAY, APRIL 29, 2023, to authorize the renewal of a special tax therein, and said Governing Authority does further proceed to examine and canvass the returns and declare the result of the special election.

SECTION 2. Election Results. According to the official certified tabulation of votes cast at said Election, there was a total of **792** votes cast **IN FAVOR OF** Proposition and a total of **809** votes cast **AGAINST** Proposition, resulting in a majority of **17** votes cast **AGAINST** Proposition. The Proposition was therefore duly **DEFEATED** by a majority of the votes cast by the qualified electors voting at the Election.

SECTION 3. Promulgation of Election Result. The results of said election shall be promulgated by publication in the manner provided by law, after receipt from the Secretary of State's office of the actual costs of the election, as required by Act 205 of the Regular Session of the Legislature of Louisiana for the year 2019.

SECTION 4. Declaration. The foregoing results of the Election are hereby declared by this Governing Authority and shall be published as required by law.

SECTION 5. Procès Verbal. A *Procès Verbal* of the canvass of the returns of said election shall be made and a certified copy thereof shall be forwarded to the Secretary of State, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, who shall record the same in his office; another certified copy thereof shall be forwarded to the Clerk of Court and *Ex-Officio* Recorder of Mortgages in and for the Parish of Rapides, who shall record the same in the Mortgage Records of said Parish; and another copy thereof shall be retained in the archives of this Governing Authority.

This resolution having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

MEMBERS:	YEAS:	NAYS:	ABSENT:	ABSTAINING:
Jim Villard	_____	_____	_____	_____
Lizzie Felter	_____	_____	_____	_____
Cynthia Perry	_____	_____	_____	_____
Lee Rubin	_____	_____	_____	_____
Chuck Fowler	_____	_____	_____	_____
REDDEX Washington	_____	_____	_____	_____
Gary Johnson	_____	_____	_____	_____

And the resolution was declared adopted on this, the 16<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2023.

\_\_\_\_\_  
/s/ Donna P. Jones  
Clerk

\_\_\_\_\_  
/s/ Lee Rubin  
President

PROCÈS VERBAL OF THE CANVASS OF THE VOTES CAST AT THE SPECIAL ELECTION HELD  
IN THE CITY OF ALEXANDRIA, STATE OF LOUISIANA, ON SATURDAY, APRIL 29, 2023.

BE IT KNOWN AND REMEMBERED that on Tuesday, May 16, 2023, at 5:00 p.m., at its regular meeting place, the City Council Chambers, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor City Hall, 915 Third Street, Alexandria, Louisiana, City Council of the City of Alexandria, State of Louisiana (the "Governing Authority"), acting as the governing authority of the City of Alexandria, State of Louisiana (the "City"), and being the authority ordering the special election held therein on Saturday, April 29, 2023, with a quorum being present, did examine the official certified tabulations of votes cast at the said election, and did examine and canvass the returns of said election, there having been submitted at said election the following proposition to wit:

PROPOSITION  
(CITY MILLAGE RENEWAL)

Shall the City of Alexandria, State of Louisiana (the "City"), be authorized to continue to levy a special tax of 11.51 mills on the dollar on all the property subject to taxation in the City (an estimated \$5,011,000 reasonably expected at this time to be collected from the levy of the tax for an entire year), for a period of 20 years, beginning with the year 2028 and ending with the year 2047, for the purpose of constructing, acquiring, and improving capital improvement projects, including but not limited to:

Sugarhouse Road  
Riverfront and Downtown Capital Projects  
Ruston Foundry Redevelopment  
City-Owned Infrastructure Improvements  
Residential Ditch Closures  
Street Improvements & Repairs  
Parks and Recreation Improvements?

There was found by said count and canvass that there was a total of **792** votes cast **IN FAVOR OF** Proposition and a total of **809** votes cast **AGAINST** Proposition, as hereinabove set forth, and it was further found and determined that there was a majority of **17** votes cast **AGAINST** Proposition as hereinabove set forth.

Therefore, the Governing Authority did declare and proclaim and does hereby declare and proclaim in open and public session that the Proposition as hereinabove set forth was duly **DEFEATED** by a majority of the votes cast by the qualified electors voting at the said special election.

Results by precinct are available from the Clerk of this Governing Authority during regular business hours or via the Louisiana Secretary of State's website ([voterportal.sos.la.gov](http://voterportal.sos.la.gov)).

THUS DONE AND SIGNED at Alexandria, Louisiana, on this, the 16<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2023.

ATTEST:

\_\_\_\_\_  
/s/ Lee Rubin  
President

\_\_\_\_\_  
/s/ Donna P. Jones  
Clerk

STATE OF LOUISIANA

PARISH OF RAPIDES

I, the undersigned Clerk of the City of Alexandria, State of Louisiana (the "City"), do hereby certify that the foregoing pages constitute a true and correct copy of the proceedings and *Procès Verbal* made by the City Council of the City on May 16, 2023, providing for canvassing the returns and declaring the results of the special election held in the City on Saturday, April 29, 2023, to authorize the renewal of a special tax therein.

IN FAITH WHEREOF, witness my official signature at Alexandria, Louisiana, on this, the 16<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2023.

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Clerk

Agenda Item  
City of Alexandria  
May 16, 2023 Meeting

To consider and take action with respect to adopting a resolution providing for canvassing the returns and declaring the result of the special election held in the City of Alexandria, State of Louisiana, on Saturday, April 29, 2023, to authorize the renewal of a special tax therein.

## NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION

Pursuant to the provisions of a resolution adopted by the City Council of the City of Alexandria, State of Louisiana (the "Governing Authority"), acting as the governing authority of the City of Alexandria, State of Louisiana (the "City"), on February 7, 2023, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a special election will be held within the City on **SATURDAY, APRIL 29, 2023**, and that at the said election there will be submitted to all registered voters in the City qualified and entitled to vote at the said election under the Constitution and Laws of the State of Louisiana and the Constitution of the United States, the following proposition, to-wit:

### PROPOSITION (CITY MILLAGE RENEWAL)

Shall the City of Alexandria, State of Louisiana (the "City"), be authorized to continue to levy a special tax of 11.51 mills on the dollar on all the property subject to taxation in the City (an estimated \$5,011,000 reasonably expected at this time to be collected from the levy of the tax for an entire year), for a period of 20 years, beginning with the year 2028 and ending with the year 2047, for the purpose of constructing, acquiring, and improving capital improvement projects, including but not limited to:

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Parks and Recreation Improvements?

The said special election shall be held at the polling places for the following precincts, which polls will open at seven o'clock (7:00) a.m. and close at eight o'clock (8:00) p.m., in accordance with the provisions of La. R.S. 18:541, to wit:

### PRECINCTS

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C05(PART)  
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C09  
C10  
C11A(PART)  
C11B  
C13AK(PART)  
C13LZ(PART)  
C14(PART)

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C21AK(PART)  
C21LZ(PART)  
C22(PART)  
C24(PART)  
C25(PART)  
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C33(PART)  
C34(PART)  
C35(PART)  
C36AK(PART)  
C36LZ(PART)  
C37A(PART)  
C37B(PART)  
C38A(PART)  
C38B(PART)  
C39(PART)  
C40  
C41(PART)  
C42(PART)

The polling places for the precincts set forth above are hereby designated as the polling places at which to hold the said election, and the Commissioners-in-Charge and Commissioners, respectively, shall be those persons designated according to law.

The estimated cost of this election as determined by the Secretary of State based upon the provisions of Chapter 8-A of Title 18 and actual costs of similar elections is \$84,000.

Notice is further given that a portion of the monies collected from the tax described in the Proposition shall be remitted to certain state and statewide retirement systems in the manner required by law.

The said special election will be held in accordance with the applicable provisions of Chapter 5 and Chapter 6-A of Title 18 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended, and other constitutional and statutory authority, and the officers appointed to hold the said election, as provided in this Notice of Special Election, or such substitutes therefor as may be selected and designated in accordance with La. R.S. 18:1287, will make due returns thereof to said Governing Authority, and **NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN** that the Governing Authority will meet at its regular meeting place, the City Council Chambers, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor City Hall, 915 Third Street, Alexandria, Louisiana, on **TUESDAY, MAY 16, 2023, at FIVE O'CLOCK (5:00) P.M.**, and shall then and there in open and public session proceed to examine and canvass the returns and declare the result of the said special election. All registered voters of the City are entitled to vote at said special election and voting machines will be used.

THUS DONE AND SIGNED at Alexandria, Louisiana, on this, the 7<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2023.

ATTEST:

/s/ Lee Rubin  
President

/s/ Donna P. Jones  
Clerk