



CITY COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

MEETING DATE: DECEMBER 2, 2014

ITEM NUMBER:

SUBJECT: GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION/CITY COUNCIL REORGANIZATION

DATE: November 21, 2014

FROM: CITY CLERK'S OFFICE

PRESENTATION BY: BRENDA GREEN, CITY CLERK

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Brenda Green, City Clerk, (714) 754-5221

RECOMMENDATION:

1. City Council adopt Resolution No. 14-78 to be read by title only and further reading waived: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COSTA MESA CALIFORNIA, RECITING THE FACTS OF THE GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION HELD ON NOVEMBER 4, 2014; DECLARING THE RESULTS AND SUCH OTHER MATTERS AS PROVIDED BY LAW; and
2. City Clerk administer the Oath of Office to the newly-elected City Council Members; and
3. City Council reorganize by election of Mayor and Mayor Pro Tem.

BACKGROUND:

Pursuant to Costa Mesa Municipal Code Section 2-14, the City's general municipal elections are held in November of even-numbered years, concurrent with the statewide elections. Two council seats, each serving a full term of four years, were available in the General Municipal Election, held November 4, 2014. In addition, two Measures were placed on the ballot for voter consideration.

The election was consolidated with the Orange County Registrar of Voters. The results of that election have been certified and the certification of the results and Statement of Votes are attached to the resolution as "Exhibit A".

ANALYSIS:

The certified results of the election are considered final and are now forwarded to the City Council for approval. The number of ballots cast in the election was 20,827. The results of the election indicate that the top two (2) candidates having received the most votes are: Katrina Foley and Jim Righeimer.

The final results of the votes cast for Measure O reflect that 6,994 were in support of the measure and 12,084 did not support the measure. The measure required a majority vote and therefore is not approved by the voters at the election.

The final results of the votes cast for Advisory Measure P reflect that 10,558 were in support of the measure and 8,806 did not support the measure.

ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED:

No alternatives have been considered, as it is a State Code requirement that the results, certified by the Board of Supervisors, also be certified by the City Council.

FISCAL REVIEW:

No fiscal review was required for the declaration of results.

LEGAL REVIEW:

Legal has reviewed the resolutions and approved them as to form.

CONCLUSION:

The election was held and conducted as required by law and the results have been determined. The City Clerk requests that the City Council adopt the attached resolution certifying the results of the election, followed by the oath of office to the newly elected City Council Members, and the City Council reorganization.

BRENDA GREEN
City Clerk

RICK FRANCIS
Assistant Chief Executive Officer

ATTACHMENTS: 1 [Resolution Declaring the Results of the General Municipal Election Held November 4, 2014.](#)