

SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

The City Council of the City of Kyle, Texas met in Special Session on December 16, 2021 at Kyle City Hall with the following persons present:

Mayor Travis Mitchell	Kay Rush
Mayor Pro Tem Rick Koch	Tracy Scheel
Council Member Dex Ellison	Lila Knight
Council Member Yvonne Flores-Cale	Irma Guadarrama
Council Member Robert Rizo	
Council Member Ashlee Bradshaw	
Council Member Michael Tobias	
Scott Sellers, City Manager	
Jerry Hendrix, Assistant City Manager	
Amber Lewis, Assistant City Manager	
Veronica Rivera, Assistant City Attorney	
Samantha Armbruster, Communications Dir.	
Jennifer Holm, City Secretary	
Leon Barba, City Engineer	
Diana Torres, Economic Dev Director	
Matt Dawson, IT Director	
Interim Senior Planner, William Atkinson	
Pedro Hernandez, Police Captain	
Joseph Swonke, Police Detective	
Keith Congdon, Police Officer	
Philip Cleary, Police Officer	
Dago Pates, Police Officer	
James Plant, Police Officer	
Matt Clark, Police Officer	

I. Call Meeting to Order

Mayor Mitchell called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. Mayor Mitchell asked the city secretary to call roll.

Present were: Mayor Mitchell, Mayor Pro Tem Koch, Council Member Ellison, Council Member Flores-Cale, Council Member Rizo, Council Member Bradshaw, and Council Member Tobias. A quorum was present.

II. Citizen Comment Period with City Council

Mayor Mitchell opened citizen comments at 5:30 p.m.

Kay Rush spoke about senior's property taxes by the City. She said she has been a citizen in Kyle for 15 years and was here to ask the Council to consider changing the policies on taxing. She spoke about the city not freezing the taxes for the veterans, elderly, and the disabled. She said the county does it and the school district's do it. Ms. Rush said they had not increased the homestead exemption in 15 years. She said during the budget process Council tells the citizens they are lowering tax rates, but they forget that the tax rate includes the value of the house. She spoke about inflation and said we were your schoolteachers, we went to war, we took care of you as children,

we raised you, we were your parents. Ms. Rush asked the Council respond in a kind way and to start taking care of them. She said Kyle has one of the highest tax rates in the county and said the citizens deserved better.

Tracy Scheel was called to speak as registered. She wanted to thank Mayor Pro Tem Koch. She recognized him for Uber 3.14, negotiations with TDS for \$1.5 Million for the Veteran's memorial, his tireless work with others on Council for a building for the Police Department, and the Mary Kyle Hartson park. She talked about his work on the revitalization of downtown. She stated that it was a pleasure working with him.

Lila Knight was called to speak, but she asked to wait until 6:00 p.m. as registered in favor/opposition of Item No. 3 and 5.

Irma Guadarrama was called to speak on behalf of Hays County League of Women Voters, as registered. She stated that they are non-partisan and non-profit. She stated she recently learned that Hays County is one of the most growing counties in the state. She spoke about diversity within the city and county. She said it was important to consider that we are a very diverse and vibrant city. She said they are looking forward to Council's work.

With no one else wishing to speak, Mayor Mitchell closed citizen comments at 5:37 p.m.

III. Consider and Possible Action

1. Recognize Outgoing Mayor Pro Tem Rick Koch. ~ *Travis Mitchell, Mayor*

Mayor Mitchell brought forward Item No. 1. Council each in turn spoke of their appreciation for Mayor Pro Tem Koch. Mayor Pro Tem Koch spoke about his time on Council. No action was taken.

2. A Resolution Canvassing the Returns and Declaring the Results of the December 7, 2021 Runoff Election of the City of Kyle, Texas. ~ *Travis Mitchell, Mayor*

Mayor Mitchell brought forward Item No. 2 and read the results for the record:

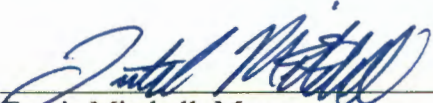
There came to be considered the returns of the Runoff Election held on the 7th day of December, 2021, for the purpose of electing District 5, and it appearing from said returns duly and legally made; that each of the candidates in said election received the following votes: District 5, Rick Koch received 299 Early Votes and 158 Election Day votes for a total of 457 votes; Daniela C. Parsley received 316 Early Votes and 237 Election Day results for a total of 553 votes. It is found, determined, and declared by the City Council that said election was duly called; that notice of said election was given in accordance with law, and that said election was held in accordance with law; and that Daniela C. Parsley was duly elected District 5. Said above named party is hereby declared duly elected to said office, subject to the taking of the oath of office as provided by the laws of the State of Texas.

Mayor Mitchell moved to approve a Resolution Canvassing the Returns and Declaring the Results of the December 7th, 2021 Runoff Election of the City of Kyle, Texas. Council Member Rizo seconded the motion. All votes aye; motion carried 7-0.

IV. Adjourn

Mayor Mitchell moved to adjourn. Council Member Rizo seconded the motion. No vote was taken.

With no further business to discuss, the City Council adjourned at 5:50 p.m.



Travis Mitchell, Mayor

Attest:



Jennifer Holm, City Secretary