

VILLAGE OF FOREST HILL, LOUISIANA
Special Public Meeting of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen
November 20, 2019

PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES

On November 20, 2019 at 6:00 p.m., Mayor Elizabeth Jeter and the Board of Aldermen of the Village of Forest Hill, Louisiana conducted a special meeting at the Forest Hill Town Hall, 138 Blue Lake Rd, Municipal Complex Room # 2, Forest Hill, Louisiana 71430.

1. Mayor Jeter called the meeting to order.
2. Roll call was as follows:
Present: Mayor Jeter, and Alderpersons Robinson, Carroll and Perkins. Quorum met.
Also present at the meeting: Police Chief James Carroll; Gregory Jones, attorney.
3. Chief Carroll led the invocation.
4. Greg Jones led the pledge of allegiance.
5. Mayor Jeter welcomed everyone to the meeting.
6. Public comments – None.
7. New business: a) Attorney Greg Jones presented Canvassing the Returns declaring the proposition (1% sales tax) defeated ; 62 votes in favor and 126 votes against. Motion to accept results made by Alderperson Robins, second by Alderperson Carroll, motion carried. b) Linda Stewart, Rapides Parish Registrar of Voter was introduced and presented the canvas results of the Alcohol Sales Propositions-all 5 were defeated: Propositions # 1 80 in favor and 155 against; #2 62 in favor and 173 against; #3 63 in favor and 173 against; #4 77 in favor and 162 against; # 5 76 in favor and 161 against . Motion to accept results made by Robinson, second by Carroll.

With no further business, motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Alderperson Robinson, second by Alderperson Carroll. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned.


Elizabeth A. Jeter, Mayor

ATTEST:


Laural Strange, Town Clerk

It was then moved, seconded and unanimously carried that the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Village of Forest Hill, State of Louisiana (the "Governing Authority"), canvass the returns and declare the result of the special election held in the Village of Forest Hill, State of Louisiana:

PROCÈS VERBAL AND PROCLAMATION OF THE CANVASS OF THE VOTES CAST AT THE SPECIAL ELECTION HELD IN THE VILLAGE OF FOREST HILL, STATE OF LOUISIANA, ON SATURDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2019.

BE IT KNOWN AND REMEMBERED that on Wednesday, November 20, 2019, at six o'clock (6:00) p.m., at its regular meeting place, the Forest Hill Town Hall, 138 Blue Lake Road, Municipal Complex Room #2, Forest Hill, Louisiana, the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Village of Forest Hill, State of Louisiana (the "Governing Authority"), acting as the governing authority of the Village of Forest Hill, State of Louisiana (the "Village"), and being the authority ordering the special election held therein on Saturday, October 12, 2019, 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
(1% SALES TAX)

Shall the Village of Forest Hill, State of Louisiana (the "Village"), be authorized to levy and collect a tax of one percent (1%) (the "Tax"), in perpetuity, commencing January 1, 2020, upon the sale at retail, the use, lease or rental, the consumption, and the storage for use or consumption, of tangible personal property and on sales of services, all as defined by law (an estimated \$78,000 reasonably expected at this time to be collected from the levy of the Tax for an entire year), with the proceeds of the Tax (after paying the reasonable and necessary costs and expenses of collecting and administering the Tax) to be dedicated as follows: (i) 50% for the purpose of acquiring, constructing, improving, maintaining and operating the gas utility and distribution system, waterworks system, sewers and sewerage treatment and disposal facilities, and for constructing, improving, maintaining and keeping in repair streets, sidewalks and bridges in the Village, including purchasing and acquiring land, equipment and furnishings for any of the aforesaid public purposes, and (ii) 50% for any lawful purpose of the Village?

There was found by said count and canvass that there was a total of **62** votes cast **IN FAVOR OF** the Proposition and a total of **126** votes cast **AGAINST** the Proposition, as hereinabove set forth, and it was further found and determined that there was a majority of **64** votes cast **AGAINST** the 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.

THUS DONE AND SIGNED at Forest Hill, Louisiana, on this, the 20th day of November, 2019.

ATTEST:

/s/ Elizabeth A. Jeter

Mayor

/s/ Laural Strange

Clerk

STATE OF LOUISIANA

PARISH OF RAPIDES

I, the undersigned Clerk of the Village of Forest Hill, State of Louisiana (the "Village"), do hereby certify that the foregoing pages constitute a true and correct copy of the proceedings and *Procès Verbal* made by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Village on November 20, 2019, providing for canvassing the returns and declaring the result of the special election held in the Village on Saturday, October 12, 2019, to authorize the levy of a sales and use tax therein.

IN FAITH WHEREOF, witness my official signature at Forest Hill, Louisiana, on this, the 20th day of November, 2019.


Clerk

It was then moved, seconded and unanimously carried that the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Village of Forest Hill, State of Louisiana (the "Governing Authority"), canvass the returns and declare the result of the special election held in the Village of Forest Hill, State of Louisiana:

PROCÈS VERBAL AND PROCLAMATION OF THE CANVASS OF THE VOTES CAST AT THE SPECIAL ELECTION HELD IN THE VILLAGE OF FOREST HILL, STATE OF LOUISIANA, ON SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2019.

BE IT KNOWN AND REMEMBERED that on Wednesday, November 20, 2019, at six o'clock (6:00) p.m., at its regular meeting place, the Forest Hill Town Hall, 138 Blue Lake Road, Municipal Complex Room #2, Forest Hill, Louisiana, the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Village of Forest Hill, State of Louisiana (the "Governing Authority"), acting as the governing authority of the Village of Forest Hill, State of Louisiana (the "Village"), and being the authority ordering the special election held therein on Saturday, November 16, 2019, 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 1 of 5

Shall the sale of beverages of alcoholic content containing not more than six percent alcohol by volume be permitted by package only and not for consumption on the premises in the Village of Forest Hill?

There was found by said count and canvass that there was a total of 80 votes cast **IN FAVOR OF** the Proposition and a total of **155** votes cast **AGAINST** the Proposition, as hereinabove set forth, and it was further found and determined that there was a majority of **75** votes cast **AGAINST** the Proposition as hereinabove set forth.

PROPOSITION 2 of 5

Shall the sale of beverages of alcoholic content containing not more than six percent alcohol by volume for consumption on the premises be permitted in the Village of Forest Hill?

There was found by said count and canvass that there was a total of 62 votes cast **IN FAVOR OF** the Proposition and a total of **173** votes cast **AGAINST** the Proposition, as hereinabove set forth, and it was further found and determined that there was a majority of **111** votes cast **AGAINST** the Proposition as hereinabove set forth.

PROPOSITION 3 of 5

Shall the sale of beverage alcohol containing one-half of one percent alcohol by volume and above for consumption on the premises be permitted in the Village of Forest Hill?

There was found by said count and canvass that there was a total of 63 votes cast **IN FAVOR OF** the Proposition and a total of **173** votes cast **AGAINST** the Proposition, as hereinabove set forth, and it was further found and determined that there was a majority of **110** votes cast **AGAINST** the Proposition as hereinabove set forth.

PROPOSITION 4 of 5

Shall the sale of beverages of alcoholic content containing one half of one percent alcohol by volume and above by the package only and not for consumption on the premises be permitted in the Village of Forest Hill?

There was found by said count and canvass that there was a total of 77 votes cast **IN FAVOR OF** the Proposition and a total of **162** votes cast **AGAINST** the Proposition, as hereinabove set forth, and it was further found and determined that there was a majority of **85** votes cast **AGAINST** the Proposition as hereinabove set forth.

PROPOSITION 5 of 5

Shall the sale of beverages of high and low alcoholic content be permitted only on the premises of restaurant establishments which have been issued an "R" permit as defined by law in the Village of Forest Hill?

There was found by said count and canvass that there was a total of 76 votes cast **IN FAVOR OF** the Proposition and a total of **161** votes cast **AGAINST** the Proposition, as hereinabove set forth, and it was further found and determined that there was a majority of **85** votes cast **AGAINST** the 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 Propositions as hereinabove set forth was duly **DEFEATED** by a majority of the votes cast by the qualified electors voting at the said special election.

THUS DONE AND SIGNED at Forest Hill, Louisiana, on this, the 20th day of November, 2019.

ATTEST:

/s/ Elizabeth A. Jeter

Mayor

/s/ Laural Strange

Clerk

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