

ORDINANCE NO. 2025-83

AN ORDINANCE CANVASSING THE RETURNS AND DECLARING THE RESULTS OF A SPECIAL ELECTION DESIGNATING A VENUE PROJECT AND METHODS OF FINANCE; AND OTHER MATTERS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH

WHEREAS, the City Council (the *Council*) of the City of Victoria, Texas (the *City*) ordered an election to be held on May 3, 2025 for the purpose of determining whether the qualified voters of the City would authorize a Venue Project and methods of financing as detailed in City Resolution No. 2025-8; and

WHEREAS, the Council has reviewed and investigated all matters pertaining to this election, including the election ordinance, notices, officers, holding, and returns thereof; and

WHEREAS, the Council has diligently inquired into the poll lists and the official election returns which were duly and lawfully made to the Council by the judges and clerks holding and conducting such election; the poll lists and the official election returns showing separately the votes cast in the election; and

WHEREAS, the precinct returns are attached and incorporated for all purposes; and

WHEREAS, from these returns, this Council hereby finds that the following votes were cast in the election by voters who were qualified voters of the City:

PROPOSITION A

Authorizing the City of Victoria to establish the Victoria Community Center, a sports and community venue project, and to impose a new short-term motor vehicle rental tax at a rate of 5% in the City and an additional hotel occupancy tax at a rate of 2% in the City for the purpose of financing the venue project. If approved, the maximum hotel occupancy tax rate imposed from all sources in the City would be 15% of the price paid for a room in a hotel (9% from the City if this proposition is approved and 6% from the State).

	For	Against
Early Votes in Person	1,122	581
Early Votes by Mail (absentee)	198	92
Election Day Votes	992	569
TOTAL	2,312	1,242

Under Votes, if any: 34 Total Votes Cast: 3,554  
Provisional Ballots, if any: Counted: 0 Uncounted: 0

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF VICTORIA, TEXAS THAT:

SECTION 1: The Council officially finds, determines, and declares that the election was properly ordered, that legal notice of such election was properly given, that proper election officers were appointed prior to the election, that the election was legally held, that all qualified voters of the City were permitted to vote at the election, that due returns of the results of the election had been made and delivered, and that the Council has duly canvassed such returns, all in accordance with state and federal laws and the document calling the election.

SECTION 2: A MAJORITY of the qualified voters of the City of Victoria, Texas voting in such election, having voted FOR Proposition A, the Council hereby finds and determines this Proposition carried at the election.

SECTION 3: The City's Mayor is authorized to execute this Ordinance, and the City's Secretary is authorized to certify this Ordinance regardless of their participation in the quorum required by the Election Code.

SECTION 4: The recitals contained in the preamble of this Ordinance are hereby found to be true, and such recitals are hereby made a part of this Ordinance for all purposes and are adopted as a part of the judgment and findings of the Council.

SECTION 5: All ordinances and resolutions, or parts thereof, which are in conflict or inconsistent with any provision of this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict, and the provisions of this Ordinance shall be and remain controlling as to the matters resolved herein.

SECTION 6: This Ordinance shall be construed and enforced in accordance with the laws of the State of Texas and the United States of America.

SECTION 7: If any provision of this Ordinance or the application thereof to any person or circumstance shall be held to be invalid, the remainder of this Ordinance and the application of such provision to other persons and circumstances shall nevertheless be valid, and the Council hereby declares that this Ordinance would have been enacted without such invalid provision.

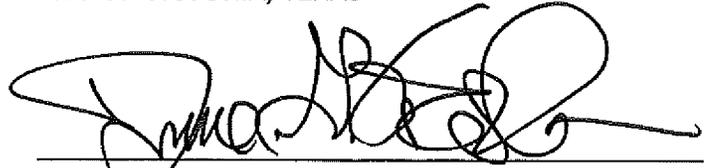
SECTION 8: It is officially found, determined, and declared that the meeting at which this Ordinance is adopted was open to the public and public notice of the time, place, and subject matter of the public business to be considered at such meeting, including this Ordinance, was given, all as required by Chapter 551, as amended, Texas Government Code.

SECTION 9: The ordinance is being presented for an emergency reading because Texas Election Code 67:003 states "each local canvassing authority shall convene to conduct the local canvass at the time set by the canvassing authority's presiding officer not later than the 11th day after election day after the election and not earlier than the 3rd day after the election

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PASSED, ADOPTED AND APPROVED on May 13, 2025.

CITY OF VICTORIA, TEXAS



Duane Crocker  
Mayor

ATTEST:



April Hilbrich  
City Secretary

(CITY SEAL)



