RESOLUTION NO. 4877-2024

RESOLUTION OF THE FORT BRAGG CITY COUNCIL RECITING THE FACT OF THE GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION HELD ON NOVEMBER 5, 2024, DECLARING THE RESULT AND SUCH OTHER MATTERS AS PROVIDED BY LAW

WHEREAS, a General Municipal Election was held and conducted in the City of Fort Bragg, California, on Tuesday, November 5, 2024, as required by law; and

WHEREAS, notice of election was given in time, form, and manner as provided by law; that election officers were appointed and that in all respects the election was held and conducted and the votes were cast, received, and canvassed and the returns made and declared in time, form and manner as required by the applicable provisions of the Elections Code of California for the holding of elections in general law cities; and

WHEREAS, the Mendocino County Clerk-Recorder has canvassed the returns of the election and has certified the results to the City Council; and the results are received, attached, and made a part hereof as Exhibit "A."; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Fort Bragg does hereby resolve, declare, determine and order as follows:

SECTION 1. That the whole number of ballots cast in the precincts of the City of Fort Bragg except for vote-by-ballots was 176. That the whole number of vote-by-mail ballots cast in the City was 4,558, making a total of 4,734 votes cast in the City.

SECTION 2. That the names of persons voted for at the election for Member of the City Council are as follows: (a) For the four-year term: Bethany Brewer, Ryan Bushnell, Scott Hockett, Lindy Peters, and Melissa "Mel" Salazar; and

SECTION 3. That the measures voted upon at the election are as follows:

Measure T: APPROVAL OF FORT BRAGG PUBLIC SAFETY, WORKFORCE HOUSING, AND ESSENTIAL SERVICES TAX

Shall the measure providing Fort Bragg funding for city services, such police and fire protection; 911 emergency medical response; natural disaster preparation; providing affordable workforce	YES	
housing; addressing homelessness; storm drain maintenance for clean water; recreation programs; and general government services by establishing a locally controlled 3/8c sales tax providing approximately \$800,000 annually until ended by voters; requiring independent audits and public disclosure of all spending, be adopted?	NO	

Measure U: FORT BRAGG TOURIST IMPACT REDUCTION/QUALITY OF LIFE MEASURE

Shall the measure providing Fort Bragg funding to reduce tourist impacts; keep public spaces, parks, beaches, and bathrooms safe, clean, and free of litter; support local businesses; and other	YES	
general government services by increasing a locally controlled transient occupancy (hotel) tax by 2% (paid only by hotel/lodging guests), providing approximately \$400,000 annually until ended by voters; requiring independent audits and public disclosure of all spending, be adopted?	NO	

SECTION 4. That the whole number of votes given at each precinct and the number of votes given in the City for and against each question and for each candidate are as listed in Exhibit A attached.

SECTION 5. That the City Council does declare and determine that Lindy Peters and Scott Hockett were elected as Members of the City Council for the full term of four years; and

SECTION 6. That the City Council does declare and determine that a majority of the voters voting on Measures T at the election did vote in favor of it, that the measure was carried.

SECTION 7. That the City Council does declare and determine that a majority of the voters voting on Measures U at the election did vote in favor of it, that the measure was carried, and the ordinance presented to the voters as Measure T was adopted.

SECTION 8. That the City Clerk shall enter on the records of the City Council of the City, a statement of the result of the election showing: (1) The whole number of ballots cast in the City; (2) The names of the persons voted for; (3) The office each person was voted for; (4) The number of votes given at each precinct to each person; (5) The total number of votes given to each person.

SECTION 9. That the City Clerk shall immediately make and deliver to the person so elected a Certificate of Election signed by the City Clerk and authenticated; that the City Clerk shall also administer to the person elected the Oath of Office prescribed in the Constitution of the State of California and shall have him or her subscribe to it and file it in the office of the City Clerk. The person so elected shall then be inducted into the office to which he or she has been elected.

SECTION 10. That the City Clerk shall certify to the passage and adoption of this resolution and enter it into the book of original resolutions.

The above and foregoing Resolution was introduced by Councilmember Albin-Smith, seconded by Councilmember Rafanan, and passed and adopted at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Fort Bragg held on the 9 day of December, 2024, by the following vote:

2024, by the	following vote:			
AYES	: Albin-Smith, Peters, Ra Norvell.	Albin-Smith, Peters, Rafanan, Vice Mayor Godeke, and Mayor Norvell.		
NOES	: None.			
ABSE	NT: None.			
ABST	AIN: None.			
RECU	SED: None.			
		Jason Godeke Mayor		
ATTEST:				
Amber Leno				