



Amarillo City Council Special Meeting

July 5, 2023

3:00 PM

City Hall - Council Chamber
601 S. Buchanan Street, 3rd Floor
Amarillo, Texas 79101

AGENDA

1. **Call to Order**
2. **Invocation** Murray Gossett, First Presbyterian Church
3. **Pledge of Allegiance**
4. **Public Comment** The public will be permitted to offer public comment on agenda items and items related to City business. Citizens interested in commenting may sign up online at <https://www.amarillo.gov/departments/city-manager/city-secretary/public-address-registration-form>, by calling the City Secretary's office at (806) 378-3014, or in person in Room 303 of City Hall, 601 S. Buchanan. Citizens should sign up at least 15 minutes prior to the scheduled meeting start time.
5. **Agenda Items**
 - 5.A. **CONSIDER RESOLUTION NO. 07-05-23-1**

This item considers a resolution canvassing the returns and declaring the results for the runoff election held in the City of Amarillo on the 24th day of June 2023 for city offices. (Contact: Stephanie Coggins, City Secretary)
 - 5.B. **OATH OF OFFICE**

This item is to conduct the Oath of Office for the Councilmembers elected on June 24, 2023.

 - Josh Craft - Councilmember, Place 1
 - Les Simpson - Councilmember, Place 4
 - 5.C. **CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. 07-05-23-2**

This item is the consideration of a resolution further confirming and continuing the Mayor's Declaration of Disaster. (Contact: Max Dunlap, Emergency Management Coordinator)
6. **Adjourn**

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I certify that the above notice of meeting was posted on the electronic bulletin board in City Hall, 601 S. Buchanan, Amarillo, Texas, and the City website (www.amarillo.gov) on or before the 30th of June, 2023, at 5:00 p.m., in accordance with the Open Meetings Laws of the State of Texas, Chapter 551, Texas Government Code.

/s/ Stephanie Coggins

Stephanie Coggins, City Secretary



Agenda Transmittal Memo

Date: July 5, 2023
Council Priority: Civic Pride
Department: City Secretary
Contact Person: Stephanie Coggins, City Secretary

Agenda Caption: CONSIDER RESOLUTION NO. 07-05-23-1

This item considers a resolution canvassing the returns and declaring the results for the runoff election held in the City of Amarillo on the 24th day of June 2023 for city offices.

Agenda Item Summary: This item canvasses the returns of the municipal runoff election held on June 24, 2023 for the offices of Councilmember, Place 1 and Councilmember, Place 4.

Requested Action: Consideration of the Resolution for approval.

Funding Summary: Funding for the 2023 municipal general election is budgeted in the City Secretary's operating budget under account 1220.51900.

Community Engagement Summary: Information has been provided on the City's website and with local media throughout the election process.

Staff Recommendation: Staff recommends approval of Resolution No. 07-05-23-1 as presented.

Attachments: 1. Resolution No. 07-05-23-1 (draft)

RESOLUTION NO. 07-05-23-1

A RESOLUTION CANVASSING THE RETURNS AND
DECLARING THE RESULTS FOR THE RUNOFF ELECTION
HELD IN THE CITY OF AMARILLO ON THE 24TH DAY OF
JUNE 2023 FOR CERTAIN CITY OFFICES.

WHEREAS, on this the 5th day of July 2023, came on to be considered by the Amarillo City Council the canvass of the returns of the City Officers Runoff Election held in the City of Amarillo on the 24th day of June 2023, for the purpose of electing a Councilmember, Place No. 1 and Councilmember, Place No. 4; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has canvassed the returns of said election and it appears from said returns, duly and legally made, that there were [REDACTED] valid and legal ballots cast in said election; and that each of the candidates in said election received the following votes:

COUNCILMEMBER PLACE NO. 1

Dean Crump	XXX
Josh Craft	XXX

COUNCILMEMBER PLACE NO. 4

Les Simpson	XXX
Claudette Smith	XXX

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AMARILLO, TEXAS:

SECTION 1. That said election was duly called; that notice of said election was given and held in accordance with law; and that said election and the returns thereof have been duly canvassed by the City Council.

SECTION 2. That at said election:

- A. Josh Craft received a majority of the votes cast for and was duly elected as Councilmember, Place No. 1.
- B. Les Simpson received a majority of the votes cast for and was duly elected as Councilmember, Place No. 4.

INTRODUCED AND PASSED by the City Council of the City of Amarillo, Texas on
this 5th day of July 2023.

Cole Stanley, Mayor

ATTEST:

Stephanie Coggins, City Secretary

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Bryan McWilliams, City Attorney



Agenda Transmittal Memo

Date: July 5, 2023
Council Priority: Public Safety
Department: Office of Emergency Management
Contact Person: Max Dunlap, Emergency Management Coordinator

Agenda Caption: CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. 07-05-23-2

This item is the consideration of a resolution further confirming and continuing the Mayor's Declaration of Disaster.

Agenda Item Summary: This item considers a resolution to confirm and continue the Declaration of Local Disaster Related to Severe Weather and Prolonged Flooding that was signed June 1, 2023 and originally continued on June 8, 2023.

Requested Action: Consideration of the presented resolution

Funding Summary: N/A

Community Engagement Summary: N/A

Staff Recommendation: Staff recommends adoption of the resolution as presented.

Attachments:

1. Resolution No. 07-05-23-2 (draft)
2. Exhibit A Disaster Declaration signed June 1, 2023

RESOLUTION NO. 07-05-23-2

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AMARILLO CONFIRMING AND CONTINUING THE MAYOR'S DECLARATION OF DISASTER; PROVIDING A REPEALER CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Mayor declared a disaster on June 1, 2023 due to severe weather and prolonged rainfall that has caused extensive flooding throughout the city; and

WHEREAS, the state of local disaster declared by the Mayor, attached as Exhibit A to this resolution, may continue for a period of not more than seven days from the date of the declaration unless continued or renewed by the Amarillo City Council; and

WHEREAS, the Amarillo City Council approved Resolution No. 06-08-23-1 to confirm and continue the Mayor's declaration of disaster for not more than 30 days from the date of such resolution; and

WHEREAS, the Amarillo City Council has determined that it is necessary to renew and continue the state of local disaster to promote and protect the public health, safety, and welfare of citizens.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AMARILLO, TEXAS, THAT:

SECTION 1. (i) That the City Council consents to the Mayor's Declaration of Disaster for the City of Amarillo, Texas and hereby further renews and continues the local state of disaster pursuant to Section 418.108(b) of the Texas Government Code for period not to exceed thirty (30) days from the date of this resolution; and

(ii) Pursuant to Section 418.108(c) of the Government Code, this renewal and continuation of the declaration of a local state of disaster shall be given prompt and general publicity and shall be filed promptly with the City Secretary; and

(iii) Pursuant to Section 418.108(d) of the Government Code, this renewal and continuation of the declaration of a local state of disaster continues the activation of the city

emergency operations plan and that the furnishing of aid and assistance under the declaration is hereby authorized and that all appropriate preparedness and response aspects of the plan are continued; and

(iv) That the use of all available resources of the City of Amarillo that are reasonably necessary to cope with the disaster are hereby authorized.

SECTION 2. That should any part of this resolution conflict with any other resolution, then such other resolution is repealed to the extent of the conflict with this resolution.

SECTION 3. This resolution shall be effective on and after its adoption.

INTRODUCED AND PASSED by the City Council of the City of Amarillo, Texas, this 5th day of July 2023.

Cole Stanley, Mayor

ATTEST:

Stephanie Coggins, City Secretary

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Bryan McWilliams, City Attorney

EXHIBIT A

STATE OF TEXAS §
 §
CITY OF AMARILLO §

**DECLARATION OF LOCAL DISASTER RELATED TO SEVERE WEATHER
AND PROLONGED FLOODING**

WHEREAS, City of Amarillo has experienced severe weather, creating widespread and severe property damage and dangerous conditions; and

WHEREAS, the severe weather conditions pose the threat of continued prolonged flooding; and

WHEREAS, such floods have the potential of endangering lives and damaging property on a large scale; and

WHEREAS, the Texas Government Code Chapter 418 gives the city mayor the power to declare a local disaster within the city "if the threat of disaster is imminent"; and

WHEREAS, the magnitude of the potential damage and the rapidity with which such severe weather and flooding could escalate constitute an imminent threat of disaster; and

WHEREAS, the declaration of such a disaster authorizes the imposition of controls on activities which tend to increase the likelihood of injury to the public; and

WHEREAS, such controls, once implemented, have the potential of protecting lives and property by mitigating the threat of severe weather and dangerous flooding; and

WHEREAS, a local disaster declaration expires seven days after its issuance, unless the city council consents to its renewal or continuance;

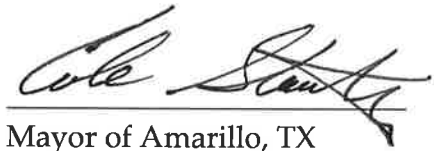
BE IT THEREFORE PROCLAIMED that I, Mayor of Amarillo, declare a local state of disaster based on the threat of widespread flooding in Amarillo, Texas.

BE IT ALSO PROCLAIMED that this state of disaster will continue until rescinded in accordance with the above cited statute, but in no instance will this declaration continue for more than seven days without being authorized by the Amarillo City Council.

BE IT ALSO PROCLAIMED that a violation of this Disaster Declaration is punishable as a Class C misdemeanor by a fine not to exceed \$500.00 or as authorized by Government Code §418.173 and adopted in the city's emergency plan by a fine not to exceed \$1,000.00 or confinement in jail for a term not to exceed 180 days, whichever is greater.

This declaration shall be promptly publicized and filed with the City Secretary.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I affix my signature this 1st day of June, 2023.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Cole Stanley", is written over a horizontal line.

Mayor of Amarillo, TX

Filed with the City Secretary of City of Amarillo on 1st of June, 2023.