

RESOLUTION No. 20-237

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DORAL, FLORIDA, CERTIFYING AND DECLARING THE RESULTS OF THE GENERAL ELECTION HELD ON NOVEMBER 3, 2020 AND THE RUN-OFF ELECTION HELD ON DECEMBER 8, 2020; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE

WHEREAS, a General Election was held in the City of Doral, Florida in accordance with the law on November 3, 2020 for the purpose of electing a Mayor, Councilmember for Seat 1, a Councilmember for Seat 3 and six Charter Referendum questions; and

WHEREAS, the General Election resulted in a winner for the Mayoral Seat and Councilmember Seat 1, and due to the other race not having candidates who received more than 50% plus one (1) votes in this election, a Run-Off Election was necessary to determine a winner for the Councilmember Seat 3; and

WHEREAS, the Miami-Dade County Canvassing Board has canvassed the votes cast in said election; and

WHEREAS, a Run-Off Election was held in the City of Doral, Florida in accordance with the law on December 8, 2020 for the purpose of electing a Councilmember for Seat 3; and

WHEREAS, the City of Doral Canvassing Board has canvassed the votes cast in said election.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DORAL, FLORIDA, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Recitals. The foregoing recitals are confirmed, adopted, and incorporated herein and made a part hereof by this reference.

Section 2. General of Election Results. The City Council of the City of Doral, Florida, finds that after the canvassing of the votes cast in the General Election held on November 3, 2020 that the results are as follows:

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

Juan Carlos “JC” Bermudez.....	16,061
Victor Camara.....	4,409
Emmanuel “Manny” Sarmiento	2,520

OFFICE OF THE CITY COUNCIL SEAT 1

Claudia Mariaca.....	13,756
Rafael Pineyro.....	7,913

OFFICE OF THE CITY COUNCIL SEAT 3

Alberto Chavez.....	4,793
Juan Carlos Esquivel	7,078
Oscar Puig	9,397

Doral Referendum 1

Expand the role of Office of Charter Enforcement; revise process for selection Charter Enforcement Official

It is proposed that the Charter be amended to revise the requirements for the appointment of the Selection Committee and permit the members of the Selection Committee to be appointed by the Mayor and Council; establish minimum qualifications for the Charter Enforcement Official; expand the role of the Office of Charter Enforcement to include investigations and enforcement of persons doing business with the city and clarify the process for establishing the operating budget.

Yes.....	14,285
No.....	6,718

Doral Referendum 2

Adopt a process for naming City properties that doesn't limit the naming to posthumous nominees

It is proposed that the Charter be amended to adopt a procedure for naming properties and facilities after an individual or organization that does not limit the naming and designations to posthumous nominees.

Yes.....12,323

No.....8,760

Doral Referendum 3

Change the minimum qualifications for the position of City Manager

Currently the Charter authorizes the City Manager to have minimum qualifications of a combination of a bachelor's degree, and three (3) years' public administration experience; or ten (10) years' experience in a City Manager or Assistant City Manager position. Shall the Charter be amended to replace the bachelor's degree as the minimum educational requirement and require a master's degree in public administration, business administration or other related fields from an accredited college or university?

Yes.....14,220

No.....7,433

Doral Referendum 4

Change the minimum qualifications for the position of City Attorney

Currently the Charter authorizes the City Attorney to have no less than five years of experience of practice in Florida and at least three years of experience in local government law. Shall the minimum requirements be amended to require the City Attorney to have been admitted to practice in Florida for no less than ten years and to have no less than five years of experience in the practice of local government law?

Yes.....14,560

No.....8,015

Doral Referendum 5

Change election to plurality occurring May of each even numbered year; eliminating runoff elections

It is proposed the Charter be amended to change the election to a plurality election in May of even numbered years eliminating runoff elections. The change to May will result in an increase of approximately eighteen (18) months in the terms of the officials elected in 2018 and 2020. Shall the Charter be amended to a plurality election in May of even numbered years eliminating runoff elections?

Yes.....9,336

No.....12,567

Doral Referendum 6

Change Charter Commission Review to every six years and extend commission’s term to general election

Currently the Charter provides that the Charter Revision Commission shall meet every fifth year. Shall the Charter be amended to provide that the Charter Revision Commission shall meet every sixth year and continue until the day after the general election?

Yes.....7,567

No.....14,483

Section 3. Certification of Run-Off Election Results. The City Council

of the City of Doral, Florida, finds that after canvass of the votes cast in the Run-Off Election held on December 8, 2020 that the results are as follows:

OFFICE OF THE CITY COUNCIL SEAT 3

Juan Carlos Esquivel1,097

Oscar Puig2,427

Section 4. Declaration - Mayor. The City Council of the City of Doral,

Florida hereby declares that JUAN CARLOS BERMUDEZ has been elected in accordance with the laws of the State of Florida and the Charter of the City of Doral to Mayor

Commencing November 4, 2020, after having obtained the highest number of votes cast in the General Election on November 3, 2020.

Section 5. Declaration – Councilmember Seat 1. The City Council of the City of Doral, Florida hereby declares that CLAUDIA MARIACA has been elected in accordance with the laws of the State of Florida and the Charter of the City of Doral to Councilmember Seat 1 Commencing November 4, 2020, after having obtained the highest number of votes cast in the General Election on November 3, 2020.

Section 6. Declaration – Charter Referendum. The City Council of the City of Doral, Florida hereby declares that the Charter Referendum Questions one, two, three and four have PASSED after having obtained the highest number of “YES” votes cast in the General Election on November 3, 2020.

Section 7. Declaration – Councilmember Seat 3. The City Council of the City of Doral, Florida hereby declares that OSCAR PUIG has been elected in accordance with the laws of the State of Florida and the Charter of the City of Doral to Councilmember Seat 3 Commencing December 9, 2020, after having obtained the highest number of votes cast in the Run-Off Election on December 8, 2020.

Section 8. Effective Date. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

The foregoing Resolution was offered by Councilmember Mariaca who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Puig-Corve and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

Mayor Juan Carlos Bermudez	Yes
Vice Mayor Pete Cabrera	Yes
Councilwoman Digna Cabral	Yes
Councilwoman Claudia Mariaca	Yes
Councilman Oscar Puig-Corve	Yes

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 16 day of December, 2020.



JUAN CARLOS BERMUDEZ, MAYOR

ATTEST:



CONNIE DIAZ, MMC
CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY
FOR THE USE AND RELIANCE OF THE CITY OF DORAL ONLY:



LUIS FIGUEREDO, ESQ.
CITY ATTORNEY