



Special Meeting of the Addison City Council

May 12, 2026

Addison Town Hall
15600 Addison Road
Addison, Texas 75001

The Addison City Council will convene in the Town Hall Council Chambers beginning at 6:00 PM. The meeting will be live-streamed at www.addisontx.gov.

1. **Call Meeting to Order and Announce that a Quorum is Present**
2. **Pledge of Allegiance** United States and Texas Flags
3. Present, discuss, and consider action on a Resolution canvassing and declaring the results of a Bond Election held in the Town of Addison, Texas on May 2, 2026.
4. Present, discuss, and consider action on an Ordinance canvassing and declaring the results of a Special Election held in the Town of Addison, Texas on May 2, 2026.
5. Present, discuss, and consider action on an Ordinance canvassing the returns of the May 2, 2026 General Election for the Offices of three (3) City Council Members.
6. Presentation to outgoing City Council Member Howard Freed.
7. Administer the Oath of Office to the three (3) City Council Members elected in the May 2, 2026 General Election.
8. Present Certificates of Election to the three (3) City Council Members elected in the May 2, 2026 General Election.
9. Present, discuss, and consider action on the nominations and appointments of the Mayor Pro-Tempore and Deputy Mayor Pro-Tempore.
10. **Adjourn Meeting**

NOTE: The City Council reserves the right to meet in a Closed Meeting at any time during this meeting to discuss matters listed on the agenda, as authorized by the Texas Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Code, Chapter 551. Any decision held on such matters will be conducted in an Open Meeting following the conclusion of the Closed Meeting.

THE TOWN OF ADDISON IS ACCESSIBLE TO PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES. PLEASE CALL (972) 450-7017 AT LEAST 48 HOURS IN ADVANCE IF YOU NEED ASSISTANCE.

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**Special City Council Meeting - May 2026
Election Canvass**

3.

Meeting Date: 05/12/2026

Department: City Secretary

AGENDA CAPTION:

Present, discuss, and consider action on a Resolution canvassing and declaring the results of a Bond Election held in the Town of Addison, Texas on May 2, 2026.

BACKGROUND:

The May 2, 2026 Bond Election was ordered by the City Council on February 10, 2026 via [Ordinance No. O26-009](#) for the purpose of submitting to the voters of the Town one (1) proposition – Proposition A. This item is to canvass the election returns and declare the election results. The attached presentation and Resolution do not contain the final tally of votes as the Dallas County Elections Office had not released them at the time of posting for this agenda. The canvassing Resolution and presentation will be updated after the official results are received from Dallas County on Monday, May 11th. Proposition A reads as follows:

“The issuance of \$55,000,000 general obligation bonds for designing, developing, constructing, acquiring, improving, expanding, and equipping police facilities and the acquisition of land therefore, and the levying of a tax sufficient to pay principal and interest on the bonds.”

The unofficial totals are shown below:

Proposition A	Votes	Vote %
For:	1,165	55.80%
Against:	923	44.20%
Total:	2,088	100%

FISCAL IMPACT

N/A

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends approval.

Attachments

Presentation - May 2026 Elections Canvass

Resolution - May 2026 Bond Election Canvass

May 2026 Elections Results Canvass

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- The Addison City Council ordered the following elections for May 2026:
 - **Bond Election** via Ordinance No. O26-009.
 - **Special Election (DART)** via Ordinance No. O26-005.
 - **General Election** via Ordinance No. O26-010.
- Early voting for the May 2026 Elections was held April 20 – 28, 2026. Election Day was May 2, 2026.
- Results from the May 2026 Elections have now been received from Dallas County.
- As required by law, the City Council must meet for the purpose of canvassing the returns and declaring the results of the Election.

Tabulation of Returns for the May 2026 Bond Election

Proposition A	Votes	Vote %
For:		
Against:		
Total Votes Cast		

Tabulation of Returns for the May 2026 Special Election (DART)

Proposition A	Votes	Vote %
Yes:		
No:		
Total Votes Cast		

Tabulation of Returns for the May 2026 General Election

Candidate	Votes
Darren Gardner	
Schnell Blanton	
Howard Freed	
Trish Stuart	
Chris DeFrancisco	
Total Votes Cast	

Questions

RESOLUTION NO. R26-

A RESOLUTION CANVASSING RETURNS AND DECLARING THE RESULTS OF A BOND ELECTION HELD IN THE TOWN OF ADDISON, TEXAS, ON MAY 2, 2026

WHEREAS, the City Council (the "City Council") of the Town of Addison, Texas (the "Town") duly authorized a bond election (the "Election") to be held within the Town on May 2, 2026, for the purpose of submitting to the resident qualified electors of the Town the propositions hereinafter set forth; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has investigated all matters pertaining to the Election, including the ordinance calling the Election, giving notice, appointing officers, holding and making returns of the Election; the election officers who held the Election have duly made the returns of the results thereof; and said returns have been duly delivered to the City Council for official canvassing of the returns thereof; and

WHEREAS, upon the consideration of the returns of the Election, it is hereby found and determined that the same was held in accordance with the authorizing proceedings and was in all respects legally held after due notice had been given, and the returns duly and legally made, and other instruments, showed the following results:

TOWN OF ADDISON - PROPOSITION A
THIS IS A TAX INCREASE

"Shall the City Council of the Town of Addison, Texas, be authorized to issue general obligation bonds of the Town in the amount of \$55,000,000 for the purpose of providing funds for permanent public improvements, to wit: designing, developing, constructing, acquiring, improving, expanding, and equipping police facilities, including the acquisition of land therefore; said bonds to mature serially or otherwise, over a period not to exceed thirty (30) years from their date, to be issued in such installments and sold at any price or prices and to bear interest at any rate or rates as shall be determined within the discretion of the City Council under laws in effect at the time of issuance, and to provide for the payment of the principal of and interest on said bonds by levying a tax sufficient to pay the annual interest on and to create a sinking fund sufficient to redeem said bonds as they become due?"

_____ Votes For
_____ Votes Against

TOTAL BALLOTS CAST IN ELECTION: _____

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

Section 1. All of the recitals contained in the preamble of this Resolution are found to be true and are adopted as findings of fact by the City Council and as part of its judgment.

Section 2. It is found and determined that the results of the Election as canvassed and tabulated in the preamble hereof reflect the expressed desires of the electors. Based on the results of the Election, the City is authorized to issue its bonds with respect to the Propositions and in accordance with applicable law.

Section 3. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its passage and approval.

PRESENTED AND PASSED on this the 12th day of May, 2026, by a vote of _____ ayes and _____ nays at a special meeting of the City Council of the Town of Addison, Texas.

CITY COUNCIL
TOWN OF ADDISON, TEXAS

CERTIFICATION PERTAINING TO
PASSAGE OF A RESOLUTION

STATE OF TEXAS §
COUNTY OF DALLAS §
TOWN OF ADDISON §

On the 12th day of May, 2026, the City Council of the Town of Addison, Texas, convened in a special meeting at the regular meeting place thereof, the meeting being open to the public and notice of said meeting, giving the date, place and subject thereof, having been posted as prescribed by Chapter 551, Texas Government Code, as amended; and the roll was called of the duly constituted officers and members of the City Council, which officers and members are as follows:

Bruce Arfsten, Mayor	Howard Freed)	
Marlin Willesen, Mayor Pro Tem	Darren Gardner)	Council Members
Chris DeFrancisco, Deputy Mayor Pro Tem	Dan Liscio)	
	Randy Smith)	

and all of said persons were present except _____, thus constituting a quorum. Whereupon, among other business, a written resolution bearing the following caption was introduced:

A RESOLUTION CANVASSING RETURNS AND DECLARING THE
RESULTS OF A BOND ELECTION HELD IN THE TOWN OF ADDISON,
TEXAS, ON MAY 2, 2026

The Resolution, a full, true and correct copy of which is attached hereto, was read and reviewed by the City Council. Thereupon, it was duly moved and seconded that the Resolution be passed and adopted.

The Presiding Officer put the motion to a vote of the members of the City Council, and the Resolution was passed and adopted by the following vote:

AYES: ___ NOES: ___ ABSTENTIONS: ___

APPROVED AND CERTIFIED TO BE TRUE AND CORRECT, and to correctly reflect the duly constituted officers and members of the City Council of said Town, and the attached and following copy of said Resolution is hereby certified to be a true and correct copy of an official copy thereof on file among the official records of the Town, all on this _____, 2026.

City Secretary
Town of Addison, Texas

[SEAL]

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF RECEIPT OF NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING

**CITY COUNCIL
TOWN OF ADDISON, TEXAS**

The undersigned member of the City Council of the Town of Addison, Texas (the "Town"), acknowledges and certifies that he or she was duly and sufficiently notified officially and personally, in advance, of the time, place and purpose of the meeting of said governing body which was held on May 12, 2026 and that the Resolution of the Town captioned below would be introduced and considered for passage at said meeting; and that he or she consented, in advance, to the holding of said meeting for such purpose:

A RESOLUTION CANVASSING RETURNS AND DECLARING THE RESULTS OF A BOND ELECTION HELD IN THE TOWN OF ADDISON, TEXAS, ON MAY 2, 2026

Name

Signature

Date of Signature

**Special City Council Meeting - May 2026
Election Canvass**

4.

Meeting Date: 05/12/2026

Department: City Secretary

AGENDA CAPTION:

Present, discuss, and consider action on an Ordinance canvassing and declaring the results of a Special Election held in the Town of Addison, Texas on May 2, 2026.

BACKGROUND:

The May 2, 2026 Special Election was ordered on January 27, 2026 via [Ordinance No. O26-005](#) for the purpose of submitting to the voters of the Town one (1) proposition – Proposition A. This item is to canvass the election returns and declare the election results. The attached presentation and Ordinance do not contain the final tally of votes as the Dallas County Elections Office had not released them at the time of posting for this agenda. The canvassing Ordinance and presentation will be updated after the official results are received from Dallas County on Monday, May 11th. Proposition A reads as follows:

"Shall the Dallas Area Rapid Transit System be continued in the Town of Addison?"

The unofficial totals are shown below:

Proposition A	Votes	Vote %
Yes:	1,499	70.01%
No:	642	29.99%
Total	2,141	100%

FISCAL IMPACT

N/A

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends approval.

Attachments

Presentation - May 2026 Elections Canvass

Ordinance - May 2026 Special Election (DART) Canvass

May 2026 Elections Results Canvass

May 12, 2026

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Tabulation of Returns for the May 2026 Bond Election

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For:		
Against:		
Total Votes Cast		

Tabulation of Returns for the May 2026 Special Election (DART)

Proposition A	Votes	Vote %
Yes:		
No:		
Total Votes Cast		

Tabulation of Returns for the May 2026 General Election

Candidate	Votes
Darren Gardner	
Schnell Blanton	
Howard Freed	
Trish Stuart	
Chris DeFrancisco	
Total Votes Cast	

Questions

ORDINANCE NO. O26-

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF ADDISON, TEXAS, CANVASSING AND DECLARING THE RESULTS OF THE SPECIAL ELECTION HELD ON MAY 2, 2026 FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONTINUING THE DALLAS AREA RAPID TRANSIT SYSTEM (DART) IN THE TOWN OF ADDISON; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City Council of the Town of Addison, Texas (the "Town") heretofore ordered and called a special election (the "Election") to be held on the 2nd day of May 2026 within the City for the purpose of submitting to the resident qualified electors of the Town the proposition hereinafter set forth; and

WHEREAS, notice of the Election was given pursuant to and in accordance with applicable law, and the Election was duly and lawfully conducted and held on May 2, 2026, and the returns of the Election have been delivered, in accordance with law, to the City Council, as the canvassing authority for the Election; and

WHEREAS, a quorum of the City Council, as required by law, met on May 12, 2026 for the purpose of canvassing the returns and declaring the results of the Election, as set forth herein.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF ADDISON, TEXAS:

SECTION 1. The above and foregoing recitals to this Ordinance are true and correct and are incorporated herein and made a part of this Ordinance for all purposes.

SECTION 2. Canvass of Special Election – DART. A tabulation of the returns of the special election of the City held on May 2, 2026, called and ordered for the purpose of continuing DART in the Town of Addison. A summary of the said tabulation of returns for the special election set forth in the attached Exhibit A, showing the total votes received is as follows:

Proposition A	VOTES	VOTE %
Yes:		
No:		
<i>Total Votes Cast</i>		

SECTION 4. In accordance with the foregoing and pursuant to applicable law, including the Texas Election Code and the City' s Home Rule Charter, the City Council finds, determines and declares the results of the Election as canvassed and tabulated in the preamble hereof reflect the expressed desires of the electors to continue DART in the Town of Addison.

SECTION 5. The sections, paragraphs, sentences, phrases, clauses and words of this Ordinance are severable, and if any section, paragraph, sentence, phrase, clause or word in this Ordinance is held invalid or unconstitutional by the final, valid judgment or decree of a Court of competent jurisdiction, such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this Ordinance, and the City Council hereby declares that it would have passed such remaining portions of this Ordinance despite such invalidity, which remaining portions shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 6. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately from and after its passage and approval.

PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF ADDISON, TEXAS, on this the 12th day of MAY 2026.

TOWN OF ADDISON, TEXAS

Bruce Arfsten, Mayor

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Valencia Garcia, City Secretary

Whitt L. Wyatt, City Attorney

**Special City Council Meeting - May 2026
Election Canvass**

5.

Meeting Date: 05/12/2026

Department: City Secretary

AGENDA CAPTION:

Present, discuss, and consider action on an Ordinance canvassing the returns of the May 2, 2026 General Election for the Offices of three (3) City Council Members.

BACKGROUND:

The May 2, 2026 General Election was ordered on February 10, 2026 via [Ordinance No. O26-010](#) and held for the purpose of electing three (3) City Council Members to serve a two-year term ending in May 2028.

This item formally canvasses the returns and declares the results of the May 2, 2026 General Election for the elected offices of three (3) City Council Members. The attached presentation and Ordinance do not contain the final tally of votes as the Dallas County Elections Office had not released them at the time of posting for this agenda. The canvassing Ordinance and presentation will be updated after the official results are received from Dallas County on Monday, May 11th. The unofficial totals are shown below:

Candidate	Votes	Vote %
Darren Gardner	933	20.40%
Schnell Blanton	1,059	23.16%
Howard Freed	751	16.42%
Trish Stuart	760	16.62%
Chris DeFrancisco	1,070	23.40%
Total:	4,573	100%

FISCAL IMPACT

N/A

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends approval.

Attachments

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Ordinance - May 2026 General Election Canvass

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For:		
Against:		
Total Votes Cast		

Tabulation of Returns for the May 2026 Special Election (DART)

Proposition A	Votes	Vote %
Yes:		
No:		
Total Votes Cast		

Tabulation of Returns for the May 2026 General Election

Candidate	Votes
Darren Gardner	
Schnell Blanton	
Howard Freed	
Trish Stuart	
Chris DeFrancisco	
Total Votes Cast	

Questions

ORDINANCE NO. O26-

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF ADDISON, TEXAS, CANVASSING AND DECLARING THE RESULTS OF THE GENERAL ELECTION OF OFFICERS HELD ON MAY 2, 2026 FOR THE PURPOSE OF ELECTING THREE (3) COUNCIL MEMBERS FOR A TWO (2) YEAR TERM OF OFFICE EACH; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City Council of the Town of Addison, Texas (the "City") heretofore ordered and called a general election to be held on the 2nd day of May 2026 within the City for the purpose of electing three (3) Council Members for a two (2) year term of office each (the "Election"); and

WHEREAS, notice of the Election was given pursuant to and in accordance with applicable law, and the Election was duly and lawfully conducted and held on May 2, 2026, and the returns of the Election have been delivered, in accordance with law, to the City Council, as the canvassing authority for the Election; and

WHEREAS, a quorum of the City Council, as required by law, met on May 12, 2026 for the purpose of canvassing the returns and declaring the results of the Election, as set forth herein.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF ADDISON, TEXAS:

SECTION 1. The above and foregoing recitals to this Ordinance are true and correct and are incorporated herein and made a part of this Ordinance for all purposes.

SECTION 2. Canvass of General Election – City Council Members. A tabulation of the returns of the general election of the City held on May 2, 2026, called and ordered for the purpose of electing three (3) Town of Addison City Council Members for a two (2) year term. A summary of the said tabulation of returns for the general election set forth in the attached Exhibit A, showing the total votes received by each of the candidates, is as follows:

CANDIDATE	VOTES
Darren Gardner	
Schnell Blanton	
Howard Freed	
Trish Stuart	
Chris DeFrancisco	
<i>Total Votes Cast</i>	

SECTION 4. In accordance with the foregoing and pursuant to applicable law, including the Texas Election Code and the City's Home Rule Charter, the City Council finds, determines and declares the results of said general election to be that:

- **Schnell Blanton, Chris DeFrancisco, and Darren Gardner** are each elected to the office of Council Member of the City for a term of two (2) years.

SECTION 5. The sections, paragraphs, sentences, phrases, clauses and words of this Ordinance are severable, and if any section, paragraph, sentence, phrase, clause or word in this Ordinance is held invalid or unconstitutional by the final, valid judgment or decree of a Court of competent jurisdiction, such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this Ordinance, and the City Council hereby declares that it would have passed such remaining portions of this Ordinance despite such invalidity, which remaining portions shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 6. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately from and after its passage and approval.

PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF ADDISON, TEXAS, on this the 12th day of MAY 2026.

TOWN OF ADDISON, TEXAS

Bruce Arfsten, Mayor

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Valencia Garcia, City Secretary

Whitt L. Wyatt, City Attorney

**Special City Council Meeting - May 2026
Election Canvass**

6.

Meeting Date: 05/12/2026

Department: City Secretary

AGENDA CAPTION:

Presentation to outgoing City Council Member Howard Freed.

BACKGROUND:

A presentation will be made to the following outgoing Addison City Council Member:

- Council Member Howard Freed

FISCAL IMPACT

N/A

RECOMMENDATION

N/A

**Special City Council Meeting - May 2026
Election Canvass**

7.

Meeting Date: 05/12/2026

Department: City Secretary

AGENDA CAPTION:

Administer the Oath of Office to the three (3) City Council Members elected in the May 2, 2026 General Election.

BACKGROUND:

The Texas Constitution prescribes a written statement that all elected city officers must sign and an oath that all elected city officers must take before they enter upon the duties of their office. These actions are to occur after the election is canvassed.

FISCAL IMPACT

N/A

RECOMMENDATION

N/A

**Special City Council Meeting - May 2026
Election Canvass**

8.

Meeting Date: 05/12/2026

Department: City Secretary

AGENDA CAPTION:

Present Certificates of Election to the three (3) City Council Members elected in the May 2, 2026 General Election.

BACKGROUND:

This agenda item fulfills the requirements to issue a Certificate of Election to the three (3) City Council Members elected during the May 2, 2026 General Election.

FISCAL IMPACT

N/A

RECOMMENDATION

N/A

**Special City Council Meeting - May 2026
Election Canvass**

9.

Meeting Date: 05/12/2026

Department: City Secretary

AGENDA CAPTION:

Present, discuss, and consider action on the nominations and appointments of the Mayor Pro-Tempore and Deputy Mayor Pro-Tempore.

BACKGROUND:

This agenda item fulfills the Home Rule Charter requirement to select a Mayor Pro-Tempore and a Deputy Mayor Pro-Tempore. Pursuant to Home Rule Charter, Section 2.07, *"the Council shall elect from among the Council Members a Mayor Pro-Tempore who shall perform the duties of Mayor in case of the absence or disability of the Mayor and the Deputy Mayor Pro-Tempore who shall serve as Mayor Pro-Tempore in the absence or disability of the Mayor Pro-Tempore."*

FISCAL IMPACT

N/A

RECOMMENDATION

N/A
