

**Regular Meeting of the Artesia City Council
Albert O. Little Community Center
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**Monday, December 9, 2024
7:00 p.m.**

1. CALL TO ORDER

1A. Call to Order

2. ROLL CALL

2A. Roll Call

3. INVOCATION

3A. Invocation

— Father John Cordero, Holy Family

4. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

4A. Pledge of Allegiance

— Miss Artesia, Savanna Sousa

5. NATIONAL ANTHEM

5A. National Anthem

— Leilani Joy Tom

6. PUBLIC COMMENTS

This is the portion of the meeting set aside to invite public comments regarding any matter within the subject matter jurisdiction of the City Council. Public comments may also be submitted by email at publiccomments@cityofartesia.us before 12:00 p.m. on the date of the meeting. Public comments are limited to no more than three minutes each. If comments relate to a specific agenda item, those comments will be taken following the staff report for that item and prior to the City Council vote. Under the provisions of the Brown Act, the City Council is prohibited from taking action on items that are not listed on the agenda, but may refer the matter to staff or to a subsequent meeting. Those wishing to speak are asked to fill out a speaker card and submit it to the City Clerk.

6A. Public Comments

7. REORGANIZATION PROGRAM

7A. November 5, 2024 Election Results

— Recommended Action: Adopt Resolution No. 24-3021, Reciting the Facts of the General Municipal Election Held on November 5, 2024, Declaring the Results and Such Other Matters as Provided by Law

7B. Presentation of Certificate Election to Elected and Re-Elected Councilmembers

7C. Oath of Office

— Oath of Office - Zeel Ahir Administered by Mayor Tony Lima

— Oath of Office - Monica Manalo Administered by Amanda Manalo, Esq., Deputy Public Defender, Los Angeles County

7D. Comments from Elected and Re-Elected Councilmembers

— Councilmember Zeel Ahir

— Councilmember Monica Manalo

7E. Selection of Mayor

7F. Selection of Mayor Pro Tem

7G. Incoming Mayor's Comments

8. COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS

This is the time for Councilmembers to report on external boards and committee meetings attended and meetings attended at public expense. Additional general comments, announcements, and requests of staff and/or other issues of concern to Councilmembers may also be presented at this time.

9. ADJOURNMENT

The City of Artesia complies with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990. If you require special assistance to attend or participate in this meeting, please call the City Clerk's office at 562-865-6262 at least 72 hours prior to the meeting. Copies of Staff Reports are on file in the Office of the City Clerk and are available for inspection.

Date Posted: December 5, 2024



CITY COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

MEETING DATE: December 9, 2024

ITEM NO: 7A.

TO: Mayor and Members of the City Council

SUBJECT: November 5, 2024 Election Results

FROM: Jennifer Alderete, City Clerk

REVIEWED AND APPROVED BY:

Melissa Burke, Deputy City Manager

HongDao Nguyen, City Attorney

Abel Avalos, City Manager

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff Recommends that the City Council adopt Resolution No. 24-3021, Reciting the Facts of the General Municipal Election Consolidated with the Statewide General Election Held on November 5, 2024, Declaring the Results and Such Other Matters as Provided by Law.

BACKGROUND:

At its June 17, 2024 Regular Adjourned Meeting, the City Council adopted resolutions calling an election to elect two (2) members of the City Council; consolidating the election, with the County of Los Angeles on Tuesday, November 5, 2024; and requesting the County to conduct the election and the canvass of votes. At its April 8, 2024 Regular Meeting, and July 29, 2024 Special Meeting, the City Council adopted resolutions to place Measures AAA and Measure I respectively on the ballot.

ANALYSIS:

A General Municipal Election was held in the City of Artesia on Tuesday, November 5, 2024, consolidated with the Statewide General Election for the purposes of election of City Council Members and for City voters to consider ballot Measure AAA and Measure I. The County of Los Angeles Registrar of Voters has completed the canvass of the results and the appropriate Resolution has been prepared for adoption, which is attached to this Report. The results are attached as Exhibit "A" to the above entitled Resolution.

As a result of the election, the following candidates were elected:

Zeel Ahir for Member of City Council for a term of four years;

Monica Manalo for Member of City Council for a term of four years.

Further, a majority of City voters:

Did approve Measure AAA and it was, therefore, passed;

Did not approve Measure I and it was, therefore, not passed.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT:

The proposed action pertains to the organizational activities of the City and does not constitute a “project” under the California Environmental Quality Act (“CEQA”), and it can be seen with certainty that it will have no impact on the environment. Thus, this matter is exempt under CEQA.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact associated with this report.

RECOMMENDED COUNCIL ACTION:

Staff Recommends that the City Council adopt Resolution No. 24-3021, Reciting the Facts of the General Municipal Election Consolidated with the Statewide General Election Held on November 5, 2024, Declaring the Results and Such Other Matters as Provided by Law.

Attachments

[Resolution No. 24-3021.pdf](#)

[Exhibit A - 2024 Certificate of Canvass.pdf](#)

RESOLUTION NO. 24-3021

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ARTESIA RECITING THE FACTS OF THE GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION HELD ON NOVEMBER 5, 2024; DECLARING THE RESULTS AND SUCH OTHER MATTERS AS PROVIDED BY LAW.

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

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

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

NOW, THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of Artesia hereby finds, determines and resolves as follows:

Section 1. That the whole number of ballots cast in the precincts including vote-by-mail ballots and provisional ballots are detailed in the Official Canvass attached as Exhibit A.

Section 2. That the names of the persons voted for in the election for Member of City Council were as follows:

Monica Manalo
William Morante Sr.
Zeel Ahir
Dan Rocha

Section 3. That the following local Measures voted upon at the election are as follows:

Measure AAA

"CITY OF ARTESIA PUBLIC SAFETY/ CITY SERVICES MEASURE Shall the measure funding Artesia general services such as maintaining 911 emergency response, crime prevention programs involving thefts/burglaries, neighborhood sheriff patrols; repairing streets/potholes/sidewalks; cleaning/maintaining public areas; maintaining safe routes to schools programs, youth gang prevention programs and street lighting by enacting a ¾¢ sales	YES
	NO

tax providing approximately \$2,500,000 annually until ended by voters; requiring audits/public spending disclosure/all funds benefit Artesia residents, be adopted?"	
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Measure I

"Shall a measure be adopted to amend the Artesia General Plan 2030, the Artesia Boulevard Corridor Specific Plan, and the Artesia Municipal Code to require "major modifications" to the Artesia Boulevard Corridor Specific Plan to be approved by voters?"	YES
	NO

Section 4. That the number of votes cast in each precinct, and the number of votes cast in the City for each of the persons above-named for the respective offices for which the persons were candidates, and for and against the Measures, are set forth in "Exhibit A," which is attached hereto and incorporated herein by this reference.

Section 5. The City Council does declare and determine that as a result of the election:

- 1) Zeel Ahir and Monica Manalo were elected as Members of the City Council for the full term of four years;
- 2) A majority of voters voting on Measure AAA did vote in favor thereof, the Measure was carried, and it shall be deemed adopted and ratified.
- 3) A majority of voters voting on Measure I did not vote in favor thereof, the Measure was not carried, and it shall not be deemed adopted and ratified.

Section 6. The City Clerk shall enter on the records of the City of Artesia, a statement of result of the election, showing:

- 1) The whole number of votes/ballots cast in the City was: 5,878;
- 2) The names of the persons voted for were: Monica Manalo, William Morante Sr., Zeel Ahir, and Dan Rocha;
- 3) The measures voted upon were: Measure AAA, and Measure I;
- 4) Each person was voted for the office of Member of City Council;
- 5) The number of votes cast at each precinct for each person, and for and against the measures is found on the attached Exhibit "A"; and
- 6) The total number of votes cast for each person, and for and against the measures were:
Monica Manalo: 2,100
William Morante Sr.: 1,695
Zeel Ahir: 2,174
Dan Rocha: 2,022
Measure AAA: Yes: 3,619 No - 1,670

Measure I: Yes - 2,267 No - 2,857

Section 7. The City Clerk shall immediately make and deliver to each of the persons so elected a Certificate of Election signed by the City Clerk and authenticated; that the City Clerk shall also administer to each person elected the Oath of Office prescribed in the Constitution of the State of California and shall have them subscribe to it and file it in the Office of the City Clerk. Each and all of the persons so elected shall then be inducted into the respective office to which they have been elected.

Section 8. Compliance with California Environmental Quality Act. The City Council finds that this Resolution is not subject to the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") pursuant to Sections 15060(c)(2) (the activity will not result in a direct or reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment) and 15060(c)(3) (the activity is not a project as defined in Section 15378) of the State CEQA Guidelines, California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Chapter 3, because it has no potential for resulting in physical change to the environment, directly or indirectly. Further, if the activity is deemed a project this City Council finds that this Resolution is exempt pursuant to Section 15061(b)(3) of the State CEQA Guidelines.

Section 9. The City Clerk shall certify to the passage and adoption of this resolution and enter it into the book of original resolutions.

Section 10. Severability. If any section, subsection, subdivision, sentence, or clause or phrase in this Resolution or any part thereof is for any reason held to be unconstitutional, invalid or ineffective by any court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the validity or effectiveness of the remaining portions of this Resolution or any part thereof. The City Council hereby declares that it would have adopted each section irrespective of the fact that any one or more subsections, subdivisions, sentences, clauses, or phrases are declared unconstitutional, invalid, or ineffective.

Section 11. Effective Date. This Resolution shall become effective immediately.

PASSED, APPROVED and ADOPTED this ninth day of December, 2024.

Tony Lima, Mayor

ATTEST:

Jennifer Alderete City Clerk



Los Angeles County Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk

CERTIFICATE OF THE CANVASS **OF THE ELECTION RETURNS**

I, **DEAN C. LOGAN**, Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk of the County of Los Angeles, of the State of California, DO HEREBY CERTIFY that pursuant to the provisions of Section 15300 et seq. of the California Elections Code, I canvassed the returns of the votes cast for each elective office and/or measure(s) for

Artesia City

at the General Election, held on the 5th day of November, 2024.

I FURTHER CERTIFY that the Statement of Votes Cast, to which this certificate is attached, shows the total number of ballots cast in said jurisdiction, and that the whole number of votes cast for each candidate and/or measure(s) in said jurisdiction in each of the respective precincts therein, and the totals of the respective columns and the totals as shown for each candidate and/or measure(s) are full, true and correct.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my official seal this 3rd day of December 2024.

Dean C. Logan

DEAN C. LOGAN
Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk
County of Los Angeles

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