



KENNEDALE CITY COUNCIL AGENDA

SPECIAL MEETING | MAY 13, 2026 AT 5:30 PM
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS | 405 MUNICIPAL DRIVE, KENNEDALE, TX 76060

I. CALL TO ORDER

A. ROLL CALL

B. INVOCATION AND PLEDGES OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE U.S. AND TEXAS FLAGS

"Honor the Texas Flag; I Pledge Allegiance to Thee, Texas, One State under God; One and Indivisible."

II. PUBLIC COMMENT

The Kennedale City Council welcomes comments from the public. Those wishing to speak must sign in prior to the start of the meeting. Speakers may speak on any topic, whether on the agenda or not. The Kennedale City Council cannot act upon, discuss issues raised or make any decisions at this time. Speakers under citizens' comments shall observe a three-minute time limit. Inquiries regarding matters not listed on this agenda may be referred to staff for research and/or possible future action by the board.

III. REGULAR SESSION

A. CONSENT AGENDA

These matters have appeared on previous agendas, require little or no deliberation, or are considered routine or ministerial tasks. If discussion is desired, items may be removed for separate consideration.

B. ITEMS FOR INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION, DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION

1. Acceptance of the Certification to the Mayor and Council of the Official Returns for the May 2, 2026 City of Kennedale General Election.
2. City of Kennedale - Ordinance #798 - An ordinance of the City Council certifying the election results for the May 2, 2026 General Election.

IV. PRESENTATIONS

- A. Issue Certification of Election, Statement of Elected Official and Issue Oath of Office to Mayor Brian Johnson.
- B. Issue Certification of Election, Statement of Elected Official and Issue the Oath of Office to City Council Place 2 Bryant Griffith.
- C. Issue Certification of Election, Statement of Elected Official and Issue the Oath of Office to City Council Place 4 Ryon Ray.

V. EXECUTIVE SESSION

IN ACCORDANCE WITH CHAPTER 551 OF THE TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE. If, during the course of the meeting and discussion of any items covered by this notice, the Kennedale City Council determines that a Closed

or Executive session of the Board is required, then such closed meeting will be held as authorized by Texas Government Code, Chapter 551, Section 551.071 consultation with counsel on legal matters; Section 551.074 personnel matters (1) to deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer or employee; or (2) to hear a complaint or charge against an officer or employee. (b) Subsection (a) does not apply if the officer or employee who is the subject of the deliberation or hearing requests a public hearing. Section 551.072 - deliberation regarding purchase, exchange, lease or value of real property; Section 551.073 - deliberation regarding a prospective gift; Section 551.087 - deliberation regarding economic development negotiation; Section 551.089 - deliberation regarding security devices or security audits, and/or other matters as authorized under the Texas Government Code. If a Closed or Executive Session is held in accordance with the Texas Government Code as set out above, the Kennedale City Council will reconvene in Open Session in order to take action, if necessary, on the items addressed during Executive Session.

VI. RECONVENE INTO OPEN SESSION, AND TAKE ANY ACTION NECESSARY PURSUANT TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

VII. ADJOURNMENT



CERTIFICATION: I DO HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE MAY 13, 2026 KENNEDALE CITY COUNCIL AGENDA WAS POSTED INSIDE THE MAIN ENTRANCE OF CITY HALL (405 MUNICIPAL DRIVE), IN A PLACE CONVENIENT AND READILY ACCESSIBLE TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC AT ALL TIMES; AND THAT SAID AGENDA WAS POSTED AT THREE (3) DAYS PRECEDING THE SCHEDULED TIME OF SAID MEETING, IN ACCORDANCE WITH CHAPTER 551 OF THE TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE.

IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT (ADA), THE CITY OF KENNEDALE WILL PROVIDE FOR REASONABLE ACCOMMODATIONS FOR PERSONS ATTENDING MEETINGS. THIS FACILITY IS WHEELCHAIR ACCESSIBLE AND ACCESSIBLE PARKING SPACES ARE AVAILABLE. REQUESTS FOR SIGN INTERPRETER SERVICES MUST BE MADE FORTY-EIGHT (48) HOURS PRIOR TO THE MEETING BY CALLING 817-985-2104 OR (TTY) 1-800-735-2989.

A QUORUM OF THE KENNEDALE EDC, THE KENNEDALE PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION, BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT, KEEP KENNEDALE BEAUTIFUL COMMISSION, PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD, BUILDING BOARD OF APPEALS, TOWNCENTER DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT, OR TAX INCREMENT REINVESTMENT DISTRICT MAY BE PRESENT. NO ACTION WILL BE TAKEN BY THE ABOVE-LISTED BOARDS.



**STAFF REPORT
TO THE HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL**

MEETING DATE: MAY 13, 2026

AGENDA ITEM NUMBER: CONSENT AGENDA ITEM III.A.

SUBJECT
CONSENT AGENDA

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**STAFF REPORT
TO THE HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL**

MEETING DATE: MAY 13, 2026

AGENDA ITEM NUMBER: INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION ITEM III.B.

SUBJECT

ITEMS FOR INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION, DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION

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**STAFF REPORT
TO THE HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL**

MEETING DATE: MAY 13, 2026

AGENDA ITEM NUMBER: INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION ITEM III.B.1.

SUBJECT

Acceptance of the Certification to the Mayor and Council of the Official Returns for the May 2, 2026 City of Kennedale General Election.

ORIGINATED BY

SUMMARY

RECOMMENDATION

ATTACHMENTS

1.	CERTIFICATION TO THE 2026 MUNICIPAL ELECTION May 13, 2026 Meeting (update)	CERTIFICATION TO THE 2026 MUNICIPAL ELECTION May 13, 2026 Meeting (update).docx
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CERTIFICATION TO THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE
Official Returns for the May 2, 2026 Election

Mayor and Council,

You are receiving this tabulation of the official returns from Tarrant County Elections for the Elections held on Saturday, May 2, 2026, for the purpose of electing a Mayor, City Council Members Place 2, and Place 4.

In this election, 653 valid and legal votes were cast, of which 41 were absentee, 14 were undervotes, 381 were cast early and 217 were cast on Election Day.

The certified cumulative returns are reported as follows:

Mayor

Brian Johnson	437	68.39%
Thelma Kobeck	202	31.61%

City Council Place 2

James Connor	190	29.97%
Bryant Griffith	444	70.03%

City Council Place 4

Ryon Ray	354	57.28%
Melissa Barrow	264	42.72%

As a result of the election THE FOLLOWING ARE HEREBY DECLARED TO BE ELECTED (2026-2028):

Brian Johnson, Mayor
Bryant Griffith, City Council Member Place 2
Ryon Ray, City Council Member Place 4

This certifies that the City Council has received certification of these official returns for the election held Saturday, May 2, 2026; and approving that they be filed within the City's Election register as page 82.

Tina Cox, Deputy City Secretary

Date of Certification

May 13, 2026

ELECTION REGISTER PAGE 82

ELECTION DATE: May 2, 2026

CANVASSING ORDINANCE: 798

ELECTION: Mayor, City Council Place 2, and 4 appeared on the ballot. There were 381 ballots cast early and 217 on election day, 14 undervotes, for a grand total of 653 ballots, on which votes were cast as follows:

Candidate	Absentee	Early	Election Day	Total Votes	Percentage of Votes
Mayor					
Brian Johnson	28	259	150	437	68.39%
Thelma Kobeck	13	122	67	202	31.61%
Place 2					
James Connor	16	126	48	190	29.97%
Bryant Griffith	25	251	168	444	70.03%
Place 4					
Ryon Ray	23	218	113	354	57.28%
Melissa Barrow	17	155	92	264	42.72%

THE FOLLOWING ARE HEREBY DECALRED TO BE ELECTED (2026-2028)

- Brian Johnson, Mayor
- Bryant Griffith, City Council Member Place 2
- Ryon Ray, City Council Member Place 4

ADOPTED AND APPROVED ON THIS 13TH DAY OF MAY, 2026.

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

MAYOR, BRAD HORTON

DEPUTY CITY SECRETARY, Tina Cox



**STAFF REPORT
TO THE HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL**

MEETING DATE: MAY 13, 2026

AGENDA ITEM NUMBER: INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION ITEM III.B.2.

SUBJECT

City of Kennedale - Ordinance #798 - An ordinance of the City Council certifying the election results for the May 2, 2026 General Election.

ORIGINATED BY

SUMMARY

RECOMMENDATION

ATTACHMENTS

1.	798 Ordinance Certifying Election Results for Canvassing May 2, 2026 General Election (update)	798 Ordinance Certifying Election Results for Canvassing May 2, 2026 General Election (update).rtf
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ORDINANCE NO. 798

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KENNDALE, TEXAS, CERTIFYING THE ELECTION RESULTS FOR THE MAY 2, 2026 GENERAL CITY ELECTIONS; DECLARING THE RESULTS; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City of Kennedale is a home rule city acting under its charter adopted by the electorate pursuant to Article X1, Section 5 of the Texas Constitution and Chapter 9 of the Local Government Code; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Kennedale called and ordered that a General Election to be held on May 2, 2026, in the City of Kennedale for the purpose of electing a Mayor and City Council Members Place 2, and Place 4; and

WHEREAS, on May 13, 2025, such date being within the time prescribed by law for canvassing the election results at an election called by a municipality, the City Council canvassed the results of the General Election for the purpose of electing a Mayor, Council Members Place 2, and Place 4, of the City of Kennedale, Texas: such election having been duly ordered by the City Council under the authority of the Constitution and laws of the State; and

WHEREAS, The City Council determined that the election officials of the voting districts of the City have, in compliance with the law, made returns to the City Council in the time and manner required; and the City Council, having canvassed the votes from each of those districts, does find the total number of votes cast for each candidate and for each proposition was as follows:

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

**SECTION 1
Publication and Posting**

The General Election were dully called: that notice of said elections was given in accordance with the laws of the State of Texas: and that the cavass of the votes cast in said elections and returns thereof were made in accordance with the State Law.

**SECTION 2
Majority of Votes**

Pursuant to the applicable provisions of the Texas Local Government Code, Texas Election Code, and the City of Kennedale, Texas, Home-Rule Charter, the City Council officially finds and determines and declares the majority of votes cast resulted in the following of said elections:

1. Brian Johnson is elected as Mayor to a two (2) year term of office by the majority votes of the voters.
2. Bryant Griffith is elected City Council Member Place 2 to a two (2) year term of office by the majority votes of the voters.
3. Ryon Ray is elected City Council Member Place 4 to a two (2) year term of office by the majority votes of the voters

**SECTION 3
Posting of Canvass**

The City Secretary of the City of Kennedale, having posted written notice of the date, place, and subject of this meeting on the bulletin board located at City Hall, a place convenient and readily accessible to the general public, and said notice having been so posted and remaining posted continuously for at least 3 business days preceding the scheduled time of said meeting. A copy of the returns of said posting shall be attached to the minutes of this meeting and shall be made as part hereof for all intents and purposes.

SECTION 4
Effective Date

This Ordinance shall be effective immediately upon and after its passage and approval and it is so ordained.

DULY PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KENNEDALE, TEXAS, on the 13th DAY OF MAY, 2026.

Brad Horton, Mayor

Attest:

Tina Cox, Deputy City Secretary

Approved as to Form and Legality:

Carvan Adkins, City Attorney