ENNIS CITY COMMISSION
SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2026
4:00 PM

CITY OF ENNIS CITY HALL
COMMISSION CHAMBERS
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ENNIS, TEXAS 75119
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A. CALL TO ORDER

- Roll Call
- Invocation
- Pledge of Allegiance

B. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION

B.1. Discuss and consider an Ordinance of the City Commission of the City of Ennis, Texas, canvassing and declaring the results of the Special Election held on November 3, 2026, for the purpose of allowing qualified voters to vote for or against the reauthorization of the local sales and use tax in the City of Ennis, Texas, at the rate of 0.0025 to continue providing revenue for maintenance and repair of municipal streets.

November 3, 2026, Special Election Canvass

C. ADJOURNMENT

I, the undersigned authority, do hereby certify that this Notice of Meeting was posted in accordance with the regulations of the Texas Open Meetings Act on the bulletin board located at the entrance to the City of Ennis City Hall, a place convenient and readily accessible to the general public, as well as to the City's website at www.ennistx.gov and said Notice was posted prior to the following date and time: ***Friday, November 6, 2026, at 5:00 P.M.***, and will remain posted for at least two hours after said meeting was convened.

Bethany Prewitt, TRMC
City Secretary

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AGENDA SUMMARY FORM

To:	City Commission
Subject:	Discuss and consider an Ordinance of the City Commission of the City of Ennis, Texas, canvassing and declaring the results of the Special Election held on November 3, 2026, for the purpose of allowing qualified voters to vote for or against the reauthorization of the local sales and use tax in the City of Ennis, Texas, at the rate of 0.0025 to continue providing revenue for maintenance and repair of municipal streets.
Meeting:	ENNIS CITY COMMISSION SPECIAL MEETING - 13 Nov 2026
Department:	City Secretary
Staff Contact:	Bethany Prewitt, City Secretary

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

On August 4, 2026, the City Commission approved Ordinance No. 26-0804-B2 ordering a Special Election to be held on November 3, 2026, for the purpose of submitting to the qualified voters of the City of Ennis the reauthorization of the local sales and use tax at a rate of one-quarter of one percent (0.25%) for an additional four-year period to continue providing revenue for the maintenance and repair of municipal streets.

The Street Maintenance Sales Tax provides a dedicated funding source for the maintenance and repair of existing municipal streets, helping the City address ongoing infrastructure needs and preserve the condition of its roadway system. The proposed reauthorization would allow the City to continue collecting this dedicated sales tax for an additional four years, subject to voter approval.

In accordance with the election schedule, early voting was conducted October 19-30, 2026, and Election Day was held on Tuesday, November 3, 2026. The election was conducted in coordination with the Ellis County Elections Administration, which is responsible for administering the election and providing the official election returns.

Following the election, the City Commission is required by the Texas Election Code to canvass the election returns to formally determine and declare the results. The canvass includes reviewing the official election returns, determining the total number of votes cast for and against the proposition, and recording the results in the City's official records.

The proposed ordinance provides for the official canvassing of votes cast in the November 3, 2026, Special Election and the formal declaration of the election results. Adoption of the ordinance will establish the official outcome of the election and document whether the proposition received the voter approval necessary to continue the Street Maintenance Sales Tax for an additional four-year period.

RECOMMENDATION:

B.1.

Staff recommends that the City Commission canvass the official election returns and adopt the proposed resolution formally declaring the results of the November 3, 2026, Special Election.

ATTACHMENTS:

ORDINANCE NO.-Canvass November 3 Election Results - Pdf

ORDINANCE NO.

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF ENNIS, TEXAS, CANVASSING AND DECLARING THE RESULTS OF THE SPECIAL ELECTION HELD ON NOVEMBER 3, 2026, FOR THE PURPOSE OF ALLOWING QUALIFIED VOTERS TO VOTE FOR OR AGAINST THE REAUTHORIZATION OF THE LOCAL SALES AND USE TAX IN THE CITY OF ENNIS, TEXAS, AT THE RATE OF 0.0025 TO CONTINUE PROVIDING REVENUE FOR MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR OF MUNICIPAL STREETS.

WHEREAS, the City Commission of the City of Ennis, Texas, called an election to be held in the City on November 3, 2026, for the purpose of allowing qualified voters to vote for or against the reauthorization of the local sales and use tax in the City of Ennis, Texas, at the rate of 0.0025 to continue providing revenue for the maintenance and repair of municipal streets; and

WHEREAS, notice of the election was given in accordance with applicable law, and the election was conducted lawfully on November 3, 2026; and

WHEREAS, the returns of said election have been delivered in accordance with law to the City Commission as the canvassing authority for the election; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission met on this day, November 13, 2026, and duly canvassed the returns of the election; and

WHEREAS, immediately after said election, the Presiding Judge and other officials holding said election made their returns of the results to the City Commission as follows, and as shown in "EXHIBIT A", and said returns being made according to law, and duly authenticated, and all paper pertaining thereto having been returned and filed with the City Commission and no protest or objection being made to or regarding any matter pertaining to said election:

Proposition:

"The reauthorization of the local sales and use tax in the City of Ennis, Texas, at the rate of .0025 to continue providing revenue for maintenance and repair of municipal streets. The tax expires on the fourth anniversary of the date of this election unless the imposition of the tax is reauthorized."

NUMBER OF VOTES

FOR _____
AGAINST _____

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF ENNIS, TEXAS:

SECTION 1: The findings set forth above are incorporated into the body of this Ordinance as if fully set forth herein.

SECTION 2: That upon motion by:

_____, and a second by

_____,

it was unanimously ordered that the City Commission consider the official returns of the election held in the City on the above-mentioned date.

SECTION 3: That the proposition has been approved by the majority of the qualified voters voting at said election, that the Proposition passes and is declared to have passed, and the local sales and use tax is reauthorized in the City of Ennis at the rate of 0.0025 to continue providing revenue for maintenance and repair of municipal streets.

SECTION 4: That this canvass and declaration of results of said election be entered in the Minutes of the City Commission and that this Ordinance declaring the results of the election shall become effective immediately after its passage.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the City Commission of the City of Ennis, Texas, on this 13th day of November, 2026.

_____
LYNDA ISBELL, Mayor

ATTEST:

_____
BETHANY PREWITT, City Secretary

	City of Ennis - Proposition A					
	VOTE FOR 1					
	For	Against	Total Votes Cast	Overvotes	Undervotes	Contest Total
1009	0	0	0	0	0	0
1014	0	1	1	0	0	1
1015	536	175	711	0	80	791
1016-511	384	230	614	0	151	765
1017	1,065	357	1,422	0	111	1,533
1018	834	381	1,215	0	191	1,406
1019	733	236	969	0	89	1,058
1020	199	75	274	0	30	304
1022	0	0	0	0	0	0
1033						
1034-517						
1035						
1036-517						
1037-517						
1038-517						
1039-517						
1040						
1041						
1043						
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1057						
1058						
1061						
Totals	3,751	1,455	5,206	0	652	5,858

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