



ORDINANCE NO. 4002

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FARMERS BRANCH, TEXAS, CANVASSING AND DECLARING THE RESULTS OF THE GENERAL ELECTION FOR COUNCILMEMBER - DISTRICT 2, AND THE SEAT FOR MAYOR, HELD MAY 2, 2026; DECLARING THE SUCCESSFUL CANDIDATE FOR COUNCILMEMBER DISTRICT 2; FINDING THAT NO CANDIDATE FOR THE SEAT OF MAYOR RECEIVED A MAJORITY OF THE VOTES CAST; ORDERING A MAYORAL RUNOFF ELECTION BETWEEN THE TWO CANDIDATES RECEIVING THE HIGHEST NUMBER OF VOTES, AND ESTABLISHING THE DATE, TIME, AND POLLING PLACES FOR SAID RUNOFF ELECTION; PROVIDING FOR EARLY VOTING; PROVIDING FOR NOTICE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, it is hereby found and determined that notice of the May 2, 2026 General Election was duly given in the form, manner, and time required by law, and said election was in all respects legally held and conducted in accordance with applicable laws of the State of Texas and the proceedings calling and governing the holding of such election; and

WHEREAS, it is imperative to consider and declare the returns of an election held on May 2, 2026, for the purpose of electing the hereinafter named officials; and,

WHEREAS, the official returns of said election have been duly and legally made and submitted to the City Council for canvassing, and a tabulation of the returns for the polling place and for early voting, as canvassed and tabulated by this governing body, is attached hereto and incorporated herein as Exhibit “A,” and is as follows:

COUNCILMEMBER DISTRICT 2

Candidates	Early Voting In Person	Early Voting by Mail	Election Day	Provisional EV/ED	Vote Percentage	Total Number of Votes
Tina Bennett-Burton	354	15	159	0	61.75%	528
Brenda Brodrick	236	9	82	0	38.25%	327

SEAT FOR MAYOR

Candidates	Early Voting In Person	Early Voting by Mail	Election Day	Provisional EV/ED	Vote Percentage	Total Number of Votes
Terry Lynne	1258	73	461	0	49.07%	1792
Rinkesh Desai	221	9	114	0	9.42%	344
Jaime Rivas	1019	36	461	0	41.51%	1516

WHEREAS, the City finds that no candidate for Mayor received a majority of the votes cast; therefore, a runoff election is hereby ordered between:

- Terry Lynne
- Jaime Rivas

being the two candidates receiving the highest number of votes cast for said office.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FARMERS BRANCH, TEXAS, THAT:

SECTION 1. The above and foregoing premises are true and correct, are incorporated into the body of this Ordinance, and made a part hereof for all purposes.

SECTION 2. In accordance with the canvass and tabulation of the results of the May 2, 2026 General Election, having received the majority of votes cast in said election, the duly elected Member of the City Council for District 2 and the corresponding term of office, subject to taking the Oath of Office and submission of filings as required by law, is declared elected to office as follows:

<u>Office</u>	<u>Term</u>	<u>Name</u>
Council Member, District 2	Three (3) years	Tina Bennett-Burton

SECTION 3. A Runoff Election is hereby ordered to be held on Saturday, June 13, 2026, for the purpose of electing the Mayor of the City of Farmers Branch, with early voting by personal appearance to be conducted in accordance with the Texas Election Code and the agreement with Dallas County Elections, from June 1, 2026 through June 9, 2026, at locations and times established by Dallas County Elections. The City Secretary is hereby directed to post and publish notice of the runoff election as required by law and the City Charter.

SECTION 4. The City Secretary and/or Mayor, as provided by law, is hereby authorized and directed to execute and deliver a Certificate of Election to the successful candidate as specified in Section 2 hereof. This Canvass and Declaration of Results of said election is hereby ordered to be entered into the minutes of the City Council and that said officer, after being qualified and having taken the oath of office, shall serve during the term commencing May 2026 and thereafter until a successor is duly qualified.

SECTION 5. It is further found and determined that in accordance with State Law, the City Secretary posted written notice of the date, place, and subject of this meeting 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 three business days preceding the scheduled time of said meeting.

SECTION 3. This Ordinance shall become effective immediately from and after its passage as the law and charter in such cases provide.

**APPROVED AND ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FARMERS
BRANCH, TEXAS, THIS 12th DAY OF MAY 2026.**

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Stacy Henderson, Interim City Secretary

Terry Lynne, Mayor

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

David Berman, City Attorney
(DB 5.4.26)