

Councilmember _____ introduced the following resolution and moved for its adoption:

RESOLUTION #13-05-_____

A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING SPECIAL ELECTION PROCEDURES AND CALENDAR FOR FILLING THE VACANCY IN THE OFFICE OF WARD ONE COUNCILMEMBER

WHEREAS, By City Resolution #13-05-_____ the City Council has declared a vacancy to exist in the elected office of Councilmember for Ward One; and

WHEREAS, City Charter, Section 4.5.1 requires that when a vacancy in an elected office of the City occurs with 365 days or more remaining in the term of the vacated office, there shall be a special election held within 90 days after the vacancy occurs to elect a successor to serve for the unexpired term of the office vacated; and

WHEREAS, the term of the vacant Ward One Councilmember elected office expires December 31, 2014 and thus more than 365 days remain in the term of the vacated office; and

WHEREAS, because of the time requirements of City Charter Section 4.5.1, the required Special Election must be held on or before August 5, 2013;

WHEREAS, City Charter Section 4.5.3 provides that for special elections required within 90 days of an elected office vacancy, "...the procedure at such election...shall conform as nearly as practicable to that prescribed in other municipal elections under this charter"; and

WHEREAS, City Charter Section 4.1.1 does not require a Primary Election be held for Special Elections; and

WHEREAS, because of the 90 day time requirement within which to conduct the Special Election, it is not practicable to conduct a Primary Election; and

WHEREAS, the Special Election calendar as specified on attached Exhibit A does follow as closely as possible the State Statutory and City Charter election schedule requirements.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Ramsey, Anoka County, State of Minnesota as follows:

1. That the Special Election calendar attached as Exhibit A hereto is adopted for the Special Election to select a successor for the vacant Ward One Councilmember office. The City election Clerk is given the authority to make minor variations in the calendar in order to accommodate the mandatory 90 day election deadline.
2. There shall be no Primary Election for this Special Election as the City Council finds that due to the 90 day election timing constraint, conducting a primary election is not practicable or feasible.

The motion for the adoption of the foregoing resolution was fully seconded by Councilmember

_____, and upon vote being taken thereon, the following voted in favor thereof:

and the following voted against the same:

and the following abstained:

and the following were absent:

whereupon said resolution was declared duly passed and adopted by the Ramsey City Council this 7th day of May, 2013.

By: _____
Mayor

ATTEST:

By: _____
City Clerk

EXHIBIT A
SPECIAL ELECTION CALENDAR

Candidate Filing period – 70 days before special election (May 21, 2013), closes 56 days before special election (June 4, 2013). The City is unable to comply with this 70 day period because of the publication requirements (Friday publications) and the 90 day time constraint; therefore, the filing period will be 66 days (May 24) prior to the election. However, we will be complying with the two week notice of filing and the full, two-week open time period for filing – setting a closing date of filing for June 7.

---Publish notice of filing dates, location, closing time at least two weeks before filing open (May 10, 2013), same or similar notice 10 days before filing opens (May 17, 2013).

Notice of No Primary – Clerk must notify OSS + “post notice” of cancellation within 15 days of close of filing period – **June 19, 2013**

Written Notice to County Auditor – 53 days before election (at least) – **June 6, 2013**

Absentee Balloting – no later than 30 days before special election – **June 28, 2013**

Public Notice of Election – two weeks before Election Day, again 1 week before Election Day – **July 15, 2013, July 22, 2013** plus City Charter Section 4.5.2 requires published notice of special election at least 60 days prior to Special Election

Election Day – **July 30, 2013**