

Councilmember           introduced the following resolution and moved for its adoption:

**RESOLUTION #18-266**

**RESOLUTION CALLING FOR A SPECIAL ELECTION TO FILL THE VACANCY IN THE AT-LARGE COUNCIL SEAT**

**WHEREAS**, John LeTourneau was elected to the Councilmember At-Large seat in the 2016 General Election; and

**WHEREAS**, Sarah Strommen, who was elected Mayor in the 2016 General Election, resigned her seat as Mayor of the City of Ramsey in May 2018; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to City Charter Section 2.5, when a vacancy occurs on the Council with 365 days or more remaining in the term of the vacated office, the Council shall, by resolution, declare the vacancy to exist and such vacancy shall be filled by Special Election according to City Charter requirements, which requirements also include a Primary Election; and

**WHEREAS**, a Special Election was called and held to elect a Mayor to fill the remainder of Mayor Strommen's term, and Councilmember LeTourneau ran for the vacated Mayoral office and won; and

**WHEREAS**, such Special Election created a vacancy in the At-Large Council seat with more than 365 days left of the term and pursuant to the City's Charter, the City Council declared the At-Large Council seat vacant at their November 27, 2018 meeting; and

**WHEREAS**, also pursuant to the City's Charter, the City Council must call for and schedule a Special Election.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RAMSEY, ANOKA COUNTY, STATE OF MINNESOTA, as follows:\**

1. That Councilmember At-Large John LeTourneau won the race for Mayor of the City of Ramsey in a Special Election held on November 6, 2018.
2. That the win for the Mayoral seat created a vacancy in the At-Large Council seat.
3. That the City Council publicly declared at their November 27 meeting, that a vacancy existed in the City Council – At Large elective office.
4. That as a result of the vacancy in the At-Large Council office, and because more than 365 days remain in the term of the vacated office, pursuant to City Charter requirement, the City Council hereby directs that a special election be held.
5. That State Statutes now dictates uniform election dates for Special Elections and the first authorized date for a Special Election would be Tuesday, February 12, 2019, however, due

to the timelines for filing, publication of notices, absentee voting, etc., there is not time to adhere to the mandatory timelines to be able to hold an Election as soon as February. The next available date allowed for the Special Primary Election would be Tuesday, April 9, 2019. This date allows all election timelines to be followed with no compressed periods.

6. That the next available date for a Special General Election, again adhering to all timelines, would be Tuesday, August 13, 2019.
7. That the Ramsey City Council hereby schedules a Special Primary Election to elect Councilmember At-Large, for April 9, 2019, if necessary, and a Special General Election for August 13, 2019. It should be noted that if a Primary is not necessary, (two or less candidates file for office), all timelines refer to the specific election, so the General Election cannot be moved to the earlier Primary date; the Primary Election simply would not be held.

The motion for the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly 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 the 11<sup>th</sup> day of December 2018.

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Mayor John LeTourneau

ATTEST:

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City Clerk Jo Ann M. Thieling