

**CANVASSING BOARD
CITY OF RAMSEY
ANOKA COUNTY
STATE OF MINNESOTA**

The Ramsey City Council conducted a Canvassing Board on Thursday, November 12, 2020, at the Ramsey Municipal Center, 7550 Sunwood Drive NW, Ramsey, Minnesota.

Members Present: Acting Mayor Chris Riley
 Councilmember Mark Kuzma
 Councilmember Debra Musgrove
 Councilmember Dan Specht

Members Absent: Mayor John LeTourneau
 Councilmember Jeff Menth

Also Present: City Administrator Kurtis Ulrich
 Administrative Services Director Colleen Lasher
 Deputy City Administrator Timothy Gladhill

1. CALL TO ORDER

Acting Mayor Riley called the City Council Canvassing Board to order at 5:30 p.m.

2. CITIZEN INPUT

None.

3. APPROVE AGENDA

Motion by Councilmember Specht, seconded by Councilmember Musgrove, to approve the agenda as presented.

Motion carried. Voting Yes: Acting Mayor Riley, Councilmembers Specht, Musgrove, and Kuzma. Voting No: None. Absent: Mayor LeTourneau, and Councilmember Menth.

4. COMMISSIONER BUSINESS

4.01: Declare the Results of the November 3, 2020 General Election

Administrative Services Director Lasher reviewed the staff report and provided a summary of the General Election and its results.

Councilmember Musgrove asked the name of the software system used by the State.

Administrative Services Director Lasher stated that multiple software systems are used and provided additional explanation.

Councilmember Musgrove asked the rejection rate.

Administrative Services Director Lasher replied that there were 87 rejected ballots. She explained that in most situations a rejected ballot came through the mail and was missing a signature. She stated that Anoka County reached out to those individuals and provided them the opportunity to correct their ballot or come in on election day to cast their vote.

Councilmember Musgrove asked what would happen if the rejected ballot was received on election day and asked if those rejected ballots were corrected and counted.

Administrative Services Director Lasher was unsure if all voters chose to correct their ballots but noted that Anoka County reached out to each rejected ballot caster and those voters would have still had the opportunity to vote.

Councilmember Musgrove commented that the results from one precinct came in later than the others and asked for an update.

Administrative Services Director Lasher reported that precinct was at City Hall and noted that site was very busy and the modem was connected later for that site. She stated that the results may have been late for Ramsey standards but were still provided before others in the County. She explained how the results are uploaded to Anoka County.

Councilmember Musgrove asked if the process tonight simply acknowledges the results accepted by Anoka County and asked for details on the process.

Administrative Services Director Lasher read a section from the City Clerk manual related to canvassing of results and explained the purpose of the Canvassing Board.

Councilmember Musgrove stated that she is not disagreeing with the results but commented that they are being asked to sign something that they have not been able to review in detail. She asked if there would be a way for the Council to review the numbers as they come into Ramsey.

Administrative Services Director Lasher commented that would not be possible unless Councilmembers sit behind her desk with her.

City Administrator Ulrich stated that the City Clerk is presenting the results as a true total of the votes for each candidate and does not preclude any court actions.

Acting Mayor Riley commented that they are acknowledging the results.

Motion by Councilmember Kuzma, seconded by Councilmember Specht, to accept and declare the results of the 2020 General Election.

Motion carried. Voting Yes: Acting Mayor Riley, Councilmembers Kuzma, Specht, and Musgrove. Voting No: None. Absent: Mayor LeTourneau, and Councilmember Menth.

5. MAYOR / COUNCIL / STAFF INPUT

City Administrator Ulrich commended Administrative Services Director Lasher along with the election judges that did an excellent job in the challenging election season.

6. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Councilmember Musgrove, seconded by Councilmember Kuzma, to adjourn the meeting.

Motion carried.

The regular meeting of the Canvassing Board adjourned at 5:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kurtis G. Ulrich
City Administrator

ATTEST:

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