

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

The Ramsey City Council conducted a Canvassing Board meeting on Tuesday, November 15, 2022, at the Ramsey Municipal Center, 7550 Sunwood Drive NW, Ramsey, Minnesota.

Members Present: Mayor Mark Kuzma
Councilmember Chelsea Howell
Councilmember Debra Musgrove
Councilmember Chris Riley
Councilmember Dan Specht
Councilmember Matt Woestehoff

Members Absent: Councilmember Ryan Heineman

Also Present: City Administrator Brian Hagen
City Clerk Katie Schmidt

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Kuzma called the Canvassing Board meeting to order at 5:02 p.m.

2. CITIZEN INPUT

None.

3. APPROVE AGENDA

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

Motion carried. Voting Yes: Mayor Kuzma, Councilmembers Musgrove, Woestehoff, Howell, Riley, and Specht. Voting No: None.

4. COMMISSIONER BUSINESS

4.01: Declare the Results of the November 8, 2022 General Election

City Clerk Schmidt reviewed the staff report and provided a summary of the General Election and its results.

Councilmember Musgrove thanked City Clerk Schmidt and congratulated her on her first year of elections. She asked if the chain of custody was maintained and what time the ballots were recorded at Anoka County.

City Clerk Schmidt said yes and the ballots were not returned to Anoka County until the Thursday after the election.

Councilmember Musgrove asked for confirmation that the numbers went up that night.

City Clerk Schmidt said yes the numbers get modemed directly from the polling locations.

Councilmember Musgrove stated it seemed the votes came in a lot later this year, she asked when Ramsey got their numbers to the County.

City Administrator Hagen shared he believed the State's website was updated around 9:30 p.m.

Councilmember Specht said he thought it was after 10 p.m.

City Clerk Schmidt shared the earliest precinct modemed around 8:30 p.m.

Councilmember Musgrove brought up that there were software issues at the primary election in August, she asked if there was any feedback on this.

City Clerk Schmidt shared that the poll pads were able to update and connect.

Councilmember Musgrove asked if spoiled ballots could be rectified.

City Clerk Schmidt stated that a new ballot would be issued in place of the spoiled ballot, if the ballot were to be clawed back, there is a period of time to change the vote.

Councilmember Musgrove asked who determines that voting is open at City Hall on Saturdays and Mondays.

City Clerk Schmidt shared this is a State Statute and they will hire more election judges to help in 2024.

Councilmember Musgrove asked if the State compensates for the extra time and poll workers since this is a State Statute.

Councilmember Howell asked if the State shared why the votes were reported much later than usual.

City Clerk Schmidt said she did not know and there will be a follow up meeting with the County.

Motion by Councilmember Woestehoff, seconded by Councilmember Howell, to accept and declare the results of the 2022 General Election.

Motion carried. Voting Yes: Mayor Kuzma, Councilmembers Woestehoff, Howell, Musgrove, Riley, and Specht. Voting No: None.

5. MAYOR/COUNCIL/STAFF INPUT

None.

6. ADJOURNMENT

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

Motion carried. Voting Yes: Mayor Kuzma, Councilmembers Woestehoff, Musgrove, Howell, Riley, and Specht. Voting No: None.

The regular meeting of the Canvassing Board was adjourned at 5:13 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Brian S. Hagen
City Administrator

ATTEST:

Katie M. Schmidt
City Clerk

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