



Board of Civil Authority Meeting 6/9/2014

Board of Civil Authority Meeting (Monday, June 9, 2014)

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Members present

Tom Ayres, Norm Blais, Sharon Bushor, Selene Colburn, Dave Hartnett, Jane Knodell, Bianka Legrand, Chip Mason, Karen Paul, Rachel Siegel, Max Tracy, Kurt Wright, Joan Shannon, Miro Weinberger

Absent

Vince Brennan

Meeting called to order at 5:08 PM

1. Agenda

Approve the agenda

Motion by Sharon Bushor, Second by Norman Blais

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

Ayes: Tom Ayres, Norm Blais, Sharon Bushor, Selene Colburn, Dave Hartnett, Jane Knodell, Bianka Legrand, Chip Mason, Karen Paul, Rachel Siegel, Max Tracy, Kurt Wright, Joan Shannon, Miro Weinberger

2. Request for School Budget Recount

Action, Communication: 2.01 Communication: Dale Tillotson, 69 Birch Court, re: recount of the school budget vote held on June 3, 2014

Waive the reading, accept the communication, and place it on file

Motion by Sharon Bushor, Second by Joan Shannon

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

Ayes: Tom Ayres, Norm Blais, Sharon Bushor, Selene Colburn, Dave Hartnett, Jane Knodell, Bianka Legrand, Chip Mason,



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Karen Paul, Rachel Siegel, Max Tracy, Kurt Wright, Joan Shannon, Miro Weinberger

3. School Budget Recount

ACAO Schrader stated he has printed instructions for everyone. The Ward Clerks and Election Officials have certified the election results. They placed the voted ballots and open un-voted ballots in bags and sealed them. They mark the seal numbers and sign off on those numbers on a chain of custody form. Each team will verify that the seal number on the bag is the same as the seal number on the form. They will then break the seal and empty the bag placing all ballots on the table. They will count 50 ballots, which will be delivered to the next two tables. Those tables will divide the piles into yes, no, or blank. Once they have been divided, they will go to the last two tables who will keep a running tally. They will then certify the results when the tally is complete. They will be doing this by ward. The individuals sorting yes and no votes will be responsible for determining voter intent. If the voter intent is clear, it is simple. If it is unclear, they will have to come to an agreement about the intent.

Councilor Bushor inquired about spoiled ballots. ACAO Schrader stated there are no spoiled or defective ballots in the bag. There are just voted and un-voted ballots.

A member of the audience stated that many of the Councilors had their name in print or contributed financially to the campaign. He inquired if those Councilors need to recuse themselves from the recount. City Attorney Blackwood stated that would not be grounds for recusal. They serve as the Board of Civil Authority and people are on one side or the other in virtually every election. They have divided the tables so that there are no two people of the same party at any table. The audience member inquired if they would have to recuse themselves if this were an issue involving them as an individual. City Attorney Blackwood stated only the individual being elected would have to recuse themselves.

Mayor Weinberger inquired how they individuals who are sitting alone will participate. ACAO Schrader stated they could designate the CAO and the City Attorney to assist.

Allow the City Attorney and CAO to assist with tallying

Motion by Tom Ayres, Second by Jane Knodell

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

Ayes: Tom Ayres, Norm Blais, Sharon Bushor, Selene Colburn, Dave Hartnett, Jane Knodell, Bianka Legrand, Chip Mason, Karen Paul, Rachel Siegel, Max Tracy, Kurt Wright, Joan Shannon, Miro Weinberger

A member of the audience inquired what the public is able to do. ACAO Schrader stated members of the public can inspect the proceedings and look at the seals, but they are not to interfere with the process. Mayor Weinberger inquired what a member of the public can do if they have concerns. ACAO Schrader stated they can raise the concern, but it is the Board's prerogative how they would like to handle it.

The Board conducted a recount.

Mayor Weinberger stated the results are 3260 yes votes and 3189 no votes. Councilor Bushor inquired what the difference



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between these results and the original results are. Mayor Weinberger stated they are now showing that it passed by 71 votes rather than 68 votes.

Certify the Vote

Motion by Sharon Bushor, Second by Kurt Wright

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

Ayes: Tom Ayres, Norm Blais, Sharon Bushor, Selene Colburn, Dave Hartnett, Jane Knodell, Bianka Legrand, Chip Mason, Karen Paul, Rachel Siegel, Max Tracy, Kurt Wright, Joan Shannon, Miro Weinberger

4. Adjournment

Without objection, Mayor Weinberger adjourned the Board of Civil Authority meeting.