

Sierra Vista City Council
Meeting Summary
November 22, 2022

Mayor Mueller called the November 22, 2022, City Council Special Meeting to order at 3:00 p.m., City Hall Council Chambers, 1011 N. Coronado Drive, Sierra Vista, Arizona.

Roll Call:

Mayor Rick Mueller – present
Council Member William Benning – present (telephonically)
Council Member Gregory Johnson - present
Council Member Angelica Landry – present
Council Member Marta Messmer – present
Council Member Mark Rodriguez – present
Council Member Carolyn Umphrey – present

Others Present:

Chuck Potucek, City Manager
Victoria Yarbrough, Assistant City Manager
Chris Hiser, Commander, Police Department
Sharon Flissar, Public Works Director
Jennifer Dillaha, Budget Officer
Adam Curtis, PIO
Nathan Williams, City Attorney
Jill Adams, City Clerk

Item 1 Acceptance of Agenda

Council Member Landry moved that the agenda for the Special City Council Meeting of November 22, 2022, be approved as written. Council Member Umphrey seconded the motion. The motion unanimously carried, 7/0. Mayor Mueller, Council Members Benning, Johnson, Landry, Messmer, Rodriguez, and Umphrey voted in favor.

New Business

Item 2 Resolution 2022-076, Canvass of General Election

Council Member Umphrey move that Resolution 2022-076, Canvass of General Election, be approved. Council Member Johnson seconded the motion.

Ms. Adams stated that Arizona Revised Statutes 16-642 and 16-646 require a governing body meet no less than 6 and no more than 20 days after an election to canvass the results of any election held and to officially place the results into the permanent records of the City. The City held an election on November 8, 2022 to fill the mayor's seat and three council member seats.

Of the 25,847 registered voters, 15,643 cast ballots in the election, a turnout of 60.52%. The breakdown the results and the by precinct of ballots and votes can be found in exhibit A to the resolution. As a result of our contractor, Cochise County Elections, moving to vote centers several years ago, no ballots were rejected for precinct issues.

The returns and the conduct of the election have been examined and I hereby certify to the best of my knowledge and believe all proceedings were accomplished according to federal, state, and local laws governing the conduct of elections.

For the Office of Mayor, the ballot had three candidates:

Clea McCaa who received 6,096 votes
Steve Conroy who received 4,606 votes
Rachel Gray who received 3,802 votes

As the candidate with the greatest number of votes, Mr. McCaa will be seated as Mayor on January 1, 2023.

For the Office of Council Member, the ballot had four candidates for three seats:
Mark Rodriguez who received 8,889 votes
Carolyn Umphrey who received 8,529 votes
William Benning who received 8,234 votes
Kevin Weston who received 7,286 votes

Mr. Rodriguez, Ms. Umphrey, and Mr. Benning received the most votes and will be retained, beginning their next term on January 1, 2023.

The motion unanimously carried, 7/0. Mayor Mueller, Council Members Benning, Johnson, Landry, Messmer, Rodriguez, and Umphrey voted in favor.

Adjournment

Mayor Mueller adjourned the November 22, 2022, meeting of the Sierra Vista City Council at 3:05 p.m.