

Sierra Vista City Council
Meeting Minutes
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 the Arizona Revised Statutes 16-642 and 16-646 require a governing body to meet no less than six and no more than 20 days after an election to canvass the results of the election held, and to officially place the results into the permanent records of the city.

A General Election was held on November 8, 2022 to fill the mayor's seat and three council member seats. Of the 25,847 registered voters in the City of Sierra Vista, 15,643 cast ballots, a turnout of 60.52%. The breakdown of the results and the by precinct numbers are in the documents attached to the resolution (Exhibit A). As a result, the City's contractor, Cochise County Elections Department, has provided the City of Sierra Vista with the certification and it is Council's purpose to accept those results.

Ms. Adams further stated that the returns and the conduct of the election have been examined, and she hereby certifies to the best of her knowledge, and belief that all proceedings were accomplished according to federal, state, and local laws.

For the Office of Mayor, the ballot had three candidates: Clea McCaa received 6,096 votes; Steve Conroy received 4,606 votes; and Rachel Gray received 3,802 votes.

If the canvass is approved by Council, Mr. McCaa as the candidate with the greatest number of votes, it will declare Mr. McCaa as the newly elected Mayor, and he will be seated in the first meeting in January 2023.

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

Based on these numbers, Mr. Rodriguez, Ms. Umphrey, and Mr. Benning will be reelected at the first meeting in January 2023 for a new four-year term.

Council Member Umphrey thanked all election officials, poll workers and representatives that volunteered to participate in the hand count to verify that there was 100 percent accuracy in the election results with the tabulation equipment. She noted that they are the election heroes.

Council Member Benning thanked everyone for putting on a good election, Ms. Adams, congratulated the winners, and stated that he looks forward to working with everyone.

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

Mayor Mueller congratulated Mayor-elect McCaa.

Adjournment

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

Mayor Frederick W. Mueller

MINUTES PREPARED BY:

ATTEST:

MARIA G. MARSH, DEPUTY CLERK

JILL ADAMS, CITY CLERK