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PROVO MUNICIPAL COUNCIL

Board of Canvassers

Regular Meeting Minutes

5:30 PM, Tuesday, November 20, 2018

Room 200, Municipal Council Chambers

351 W. Center Street, Provo, UT 84601

Roll Call

THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL AND ADMINISTRATION WERE PRESENT:

Council Member David Harding

Council Member Gary Winterton

Council Member George Handley

Council Member George Stewart

Council Member David Sewell

Mayor Michelle Kaufusi

Council Member Vernon K. Van Buren

Council Attorney Brian Jones

Council Executive Director Cliff Strachan

CAO Wayne Parker

Excused: Council Member David Knecht

Conducting: Council Chair Gary Winterton

Prayer

Cliff Strachan

Pledge of Allegiance

Cliff Strachan

Action Agenda

- 1. Resolution 2018-41 finding & promulgating results of a special bond election held in the City on the issuance by the City of up to \$69,000,000 of general obligation bonds to finance certain police, fire, & other city facilities; & related matters. (18-098) (0:01:48)**

On Tuesday, November 20, 2018, the Provo City Municipal Council convened as the Board of Canvassers to certify the results of the 2018 Special Bond Election. Amanda Ercanbrack, Provo City Recorder and Election Official, presented the following results:

Provo Police, Fire & City Facility Bond	
Times Cast	25,252/42,141 (59.92%)
For	11,867
Against	11,445
<hr/> Total Votes	<hr/> 23,312

The bond passed by 422 votes, this was not within recount range.

Mr. Stewart thanked Wayne Parker, Mayor Kaufusi, and especially the Police and Fire Departments for their efforts. He said this bond would not have passed without their hard work. This was a win for Provo Public Safety.

Chair Winterton opened public comment, there was no response.

Mr. Harding acknowledged that a tremendous amount of trust had been bestowed upon the city to move this project forward. He said this was humbling. The need for new facilities was great. He wanted tax payers to know that they would do their best to provide the best value for the citizens' tax money. The new facilities would position Provo well for decades to come.

Motion: Council Member George Stewart moved to approve Resolution 2018-41. Seconded by Council Member George Handley.

Roll Call Vote: The motion was approved 6:0 with Council Members Harding, Handley, Sewell, Stewart, Van Buren, and Winterton in favor.

Mayor Kaufusi read the following statement:

We are excited to see the response of Provo voters to the serious needs of our police, fire, and city facilities. We appreciate their trust in us and will work hard to develop a facility that will serve Provo residents for decades to come. We are committed to being cost-effective and careful with the tax dollars that are entrusted to us. We will seek citizen input as we move forward in designing the building and redeveloping the current site. I want to thank everyone who participated in this election. I know that for a lot of you this was a difficult decision. Thank you for the me and energy each of you invested in this important matter of civic business. Although views differed on what we should do about the situation, I'm grateful that there was nearly universal recognition of the city's needs. And I'm grateful that the election results mean we can now address those needs and prepare for Provo City's bright future.

Mr. Parker reviewed the next steps:

- Acquire the necessary property on the City Center block
- Request for Proposals (one for Fire Station 2 and one for City Center block)
- Calendar for next few years
- Select architectural firm
- Select general contractor

He said there was a redevelopment opportunity on the City Center block, but they were still a few years out before this could be seriously considered. A citizen committee would be formed to help identify key outcomes of a redevelopment project.

Mr. Winterton asked how much time the city would have to use the funds from the bonds. Mr. Parker said it was about three years from the time the bonds are sold.

Mr. Van Buren asked if any steps had been taken to improve the voting process. The 2018 General Election was conducted via mail, but many people still chose to register and vote on election day, this resulted in excessive wait times. Chair Winterton invited Ms. Ercanbrack to address Mr. Van Buren's

question. She explained that Amelia Powers, Utah County Clerk Elect, would be meeting with Council leadership in the coming days and could address many of their concerns in person. Ms. Ercanbrack previously met with Ms. Power's assistant, Justin Anderson, at a Central Utah Recorder's Association meeting and was impressed by his willingness to listen to the various cities concerns; she was optimistic the new clerk would be quick to address many of the problems with the current election process.

Chair Winterton said Vote by Mail was helping voter turnout, but he doubted they would ever be able to have election night results like they did in previous years.

Mr. Stewart asked if it was possible to change the postmark deadline for ballots. Mr. Jones thought this would be up to the Legislature.

Even though Provo City typically contracted with Utah County for the election, Mr. Handley wondered if Provo City could communicate with the constituents about the facilities and services available on election day. He was concerned that those who walked away from the service centers this year would not return next year unless they knew the process had been improved.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned by unanimous consent at 5:58 p.m.