



PROVO MUNICIPAL COUNCIL

Board of Canvassers Meeting Minutes

5:30 PM, Tuesday, November 19, 2019

Room 200, Municipal Council Chambers

351 W. Center Street, Provo, UT 84601

Opening Ceremony

Roll Call

THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL AND ADMINISTRATION WERE PRESENT:

Council Member David Harding

Council Member David Knecht

Council Member David Sewell

Council Member Gary Winterton

Council Member George Handley

Council Member George Stewart

Council Member Vernon K. Van Buren

Mayor Michelle Kaufusi

CAO Wayne Parker

Council Attorney Brian Jones

Council Executive Director Cliff Strachan

Conducting: Council Chair David Harding

- 1. A resolution of the Mayor and the Municipal Council sitting as the Board of Canvassers accepting the election returns and declaring and certifying the results of the vote for General Elections held on Tuesday, November 5, 2019. (19-086) (0:00)**

On November 5, 2019, Provo City contracted with Utah County to conduct a vote by mail election. Amanda Ercanbrack, Provo City Recorder, presented the results of the 2019 Municipal General Elections. Ms. Ercanbrack reported an overall voter turnout of 37.2 percent and shared the following results and statistics for each race:

City Wide II:

Candidate:	Votes:
David Shipley	8,235
Janae Moss	6,586

There were 41,453 active registered voters for the Council City-Wide II position with 14,821 ballots cast for a voter turnout of 35.75%. David Shipley was elected as council member for the Council City-Wide II seat.

District 1:

Candidate	Votes:
Bill Fillmore	3,890

There were 10,840 active registered voters for the Council District 1 position with 3,890 ballots cast for a voter turnout of 35.89%. It was noted that Mr. Fillmore ran unopposed, receiving 100 percent of the vote; he was elected as council member for the Council District 1 seat.

District 3:

Candidate	Votes:
Shannon Ellsworth	1,697
Robin Roberts	923

There were 8,201 registered voters for the Council District 3 position with 2,620 ballots cast for a voter turnout of 31.95%. Shannon Ellsworth was elected as council member for the Council District 3 seat.

District 4:

Candidate	Votes:
Travis Hoban	2,625
Valerie Paxman	2,053

There were 10,519 registered voters for the Council District 4 position with 4,678 ballots cast for a voter turnout of 44.47%. Travis Hoban was elected as council member for the Council District 4 seat.

Ms. Ercanbrack shared that 52 provisional ballots were received; of these, only three could not be counted due to issues with identification.

Chair Harding asked Ms. Ercanbrack to speak about the election process and any lessons learned. Ms. Ercanbrack said there was little to no wait time at the vote service centers, which was a big improvement from previous years. A drive-up ballot drop box had been installed at the Library and was heavily utilized. Overall, she thought it had been a positive experience for voters.

Mr. Winterton was aware that several Cities in Utah had opted into the ranked choice voting pilot program, he asked how this had gone. Ms. Ercanbrack stated that Lindon and Payson were the only two cities in Utah County to participate and they had reported a positive experience. He asked if the decision were made for Provo to participate in ranked choice voting next election, whether the City was prepared to handle this. Ms. Ercanbrack was confident this could be done, but noted it was ultimately up to the administration to make this decision.

Mr. Harding discussed how results were posted and updated. The first update was supposed to be shared by Utah County on their website just after 8 p.m., but the website was not fully functioning until later in the evening. In previous elections, it was very clear how often updates would be posted, but in this election, it was not as obvious when the numbers would be updated. He also hoped in the future the County could be clearer in stating what percentage of ballots had been processed.

Ms. Ercanbrack explained the County's website had issues due to the high volume of traffic hitting the website all at once. The County was committed to resolving this issue for future elections. She added that it was difficult to guess what percentage of ballots had been processed on election night because

ballots were still trickling in through the mail, but it was estimated that 80 percent of ballots were counted on election night.

Chair Harding opened public comment, there was no response.

Motion: Council member Sewell moved to accept the election returns and declare and certify the results of the vote. Mayor Kaufusi seconded the motion.

Vote: The motion was approved 8:0 with Mayor Kaufusi and Council Members Handley, Harding, Knecht, Sewell, Stewart, Van Buren and Winterton in favor.

Adjournment

The Board of Canvassers meeting was adjourned at approximately 5:45 p.m.