



Las Vegas

Agenda Item No.: 4.

AGENDA SUMMARY PAGE
SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF: FEBRUARY 6, 2012

DEPARTMENT: CITY CLERK
DIRECTOR: BEVERLY K. BRIDGES

☐ Consent ☒ Discussion

SUBJECT:
Discussion for possible action regarding the certification of canvassed election returns for the January 31, 2012 Special Recall Election.

Fiscal Impact:

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No Impact

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Augmentation Required

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Budget Funds Available

Amount:

Funding Source:

Dept./Division:

PURPOSE/BACKGROUND:

The City of Las Vegas Special Recall Election was held on Tuesday, January 31, 2012. As provided by the Clark County Registrar of Voters, the results of this Election were canvassed comparing the computer printout of ballots counted and the results thereof with the official ballot statements for the 63 precincts used in this election.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the City Council accept and certify the official election results as presented.

BACKUP DOCUMENTATION:

Submitted after Final Agenda Call for Special City Council Meeting, Letter from Harvard L. Lomax on Results of Canvass of the January 31, 2012 City of Las Vegas Ward 6 Special Recall Election, Statement of Vote and Summary Report

Motion made by STAVROS S. ANTHONY to Approve

Passed For: 6; Against: 0; Abstain: 0; Did Not Vote: 0; Excused: 1

RICKI Y. BARLOW, LOIS TARKANIAN, CAROLYN G. GOODMAN, STAVROS S. ANTHONY, STEVEN D. ROSS, BOB COFFIN; (Against-None); (Abstain-None); (Did Not Vote-None); (Excused-STEVE WOLFSON)

Minutes:

CITY CLERK BEVERLY K. BRIDGES informed the Council members that for the January 31, 2012 Special Recall Election, there was an active voter registration of 49,437, of which 6,165 voters cast their ballots. This resulted in a 12.47 percent election turnout. As for the canvass, the Clark County Registrar of Voters canvassed our returns, comparing the ballots counted to the computer printouts for the 63 election precincts used in the Ward 6 election. There were no tabulation errors, making this tabulation 100 percent accurate with no irreconcilable differences. The City of Las Vegas used Vote Centers for the first time in this special election, which worked well and provided the public with more availability to vote.

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CITY CLERK BRIDGES thanked LARRY LOMAX, Clark County Registrar, and his staff for ensuring this was a successful election and limiting the City Clerk's Office responsibilities to in house printing. She recommended that the City Council accept and certify the canvassed results of the 2012 Special Recall Election as presented.

COUNCILMAN ROSS wondered what the cost was for this special election, to which CITY CLERK BRIDGES responded that her office has received the printing invoices from Clark County and is awaiting the final bill. Upon receipt, she will forward the documents to the Council. Costs incurred from a previous special election totaled approximately \$65,000.00. The largest expense for this special election was for publication and printing, as we are now required to print and publish in English, Spanish and Tagalog.

Upon MAYOR GOODMAN'S question regarding any existing laws dealing with recall efforts, CITY CLERK BRIDGES informed the Mayor that once a special election has been held, the only way another one can take place is if the entire costs are absorbed by the petitioner.

After the vote, COUNCILMAN ROSS thanked the City Clerk's Office and the Clark County Registrar's Office for the wonderful work done to conduct the special election, which has been a challenging process. He was grateful for the Council's support and the Ward 6 residents for their voter participation.

MAYOR GOODMAN congratulated COUNCILMAN ROSS and was delighted to have him remain as a Council member.

