

Special Meeting to Canvass City General Election #37
Thursday, November 8, 2007, 4:45 p.m.
Bloomington Civic Plaza
1800 West Old Shakopee Road
Bloomington, Minnesota 55431-3027

**Call to Order and
Pledge to Flag**

Mayor Gene Winstead called the meeting to order at 4:52 p.m. and led the audience in the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Roll Call

Present: Mayor Winstead, Councilmembers S. Elkins, A. Grady, K. Nordstrom, and S. Peterson.

Absent: Councilmembers R. Axtell and V. Wilcox.

**Presentation of the
Results of the
November 6, 2007 City
General Election
ITEM 6.1**

Mayor Winstead explained the purpose of the meeting is for the City Council to approve the following results of the November 6, 2007, City General Election as provided by the election judges:

Precincts Counted:	32	of 32	100%
Registered Voters:	53,834		
Ballots Cast:	17,194	31.94%	

Mayor

Jeff Andrews	4,750	29.45%
Gene Winstead	11,330	70.25%
Write Ins	49	0.30%
Overvotes	2	
Undervotes	1,063	

Council Member At Large

Amy Darr Grady	10,792	74.25%
Ray Heinonen	3,679	25.31%
Write Ins	64	0.44%
Overvotes	3	
Undervotes	2,656	

Council Member District III

Steve Elkins	3,723	98.28%
Write Ins	65	1.72%
Overvotes	0	
Undervotes	1,389	

Council Member District IV

Carlan Lesch	651	23.83%
Vern Wilcox	2,070	75.77%
Write Ins	11	0.40%
Overvotes	1	
Undervotes	258	

**Approved Results of
the November 6, 2007
City General Election
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Tom Ferber, City Clerk, presented the results of the election re-electing Mayor Winstead and Councilmembers Grady, Elkins and Wilcox. He stated voter turnout in Bloomington was approximately 32% compared to 38% in 2003 and 18% in 2005. He reported there were no major issues with the election itself or the equipment but there was a problem with the lack of heat at one of the polling places that eventually got fixed. He stated there were no issues with the new polling place at Unity South Church. The only questions staff received following the election is whether or not there would be a recount of the School District's bond referendums given the small margin of victory for both questions. He stated the margin of victory on Question #1 was 273 votes and 145 votes on Question #2. Per the State's recount law, he stated when there is a margin of less than one-half of one percent a recount can be requested by an individual and a petition of 25 voters that are eligible to vote on that ballot question. If it's less than a one-half of one percent margin, the School District pays for the recount, if the margin is greater than that, the petitioners pay for the recount plus they would need to put up a bond or surety prior to the recount. The School District is the recount official for the referendum questions and any requests regarding the school bond referendums should be made to the School District.

Winstead explained the City Council doesn't canvass the results of the School District's referendum questions; that is done by the School Board.

Motion was made by Peterson, seconded by Elkins, and all voting aye, to approve the results of the 2007 City General Election as presented by the election judges that re-elected Mayor Gene Winstead and Council Members Amy Grady (At Large), Steve Elkins (District 3), and Vern Wilcox (District 4).

Per Council's request, staff will be providing Council with a list of all the write-in candidates for each of the seats on the ballot.

Adjourn Meeting

Mayor Winstead adjourned the meeting at 4:57 p.m.

Barbara Clawson
Council Secretary