

MINUTES  
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING  
CITY OF NICEVILLE, FLORIDA  
AUGUST 4, 2020

The Niceville City Council/Canvassing Board met in special session at 6:30 PM, August 4, 2020 in the Council Chambers, 208 N Partin Drive. Members of the Canvassing Board consisted of Councilwoman Alley, Councilman Schaetzle, Councilman Williams and Attorney Dixie Powell. Also present were City Clerk, Dan Doucet, and Wendy Farmer from the Finance Department and 7 visitors in the audience. Attorney Powell called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM.

Mr Doucet briefed the canvassing board on the status of absentee ballots.

Total Number of Ballots Printed:	<u>100</u>
Total Number of Ballots Processed:	<u>46</u>
Total Number of Ballots Received:	<u>42</u>
Valid Ballots:	<u>42</u>
Questioned Ballots:	<u>0</u>
Voided Ballots:	<u>0</u>
Number of Ballots not received:	<u>4</u>
Number of Unused Ballots on Hand:	<u>54</u>
Total Ballots Accounted for:	<u>100</u>

Mr Doucet presented the absentee log, and remaining 54 unused ballots to the Canvassing Board for review to confirm accountability. In addition, signature verification documentation regarding the absentee ballots was presented to the canvassing board for review.

Mr Doucet placed the unopened absentee ballots on the canvassing board table for inspection by the public in accordance with Chapter 101.572, Florida Statutes. Mr Doucet advised that Chapter 101.6104, Florida Statutes provides that if any elector present believes that any ballot is illegal due to any defect apparent on the voter=s certificate, the elector may file a protest against the canvass of such ballot specifying the reason he/she believes the ballot to be illegal.

No one responded. Mr Doucet then delivered the 42 ballots to the Canvassing Board. Members of the board opened the outer envelope and removed the inner sleeve containing the ballot. The contents were shuffled and the sleeves removed from the ballots. The Canvassing Board then reviewed the ballots and determined there were no over votes. The Canvassing Board confirmed there were 42 voted ballots. The Canvassing Board then took a brief recess until the polls closed and accountability checks of the municipal ballots were performed by the Election Board.

**CLERK OF THE ELECTION BOARD:**

**Municipal Ballots:**

Total Number of Ballots Printed: 1200

Number of voted Ballots: 520

Number of Unused Ballots: 680

\*Spoiled Ballots: 0

Number Provisional Ballots: 0

Number of under votes: 0

Number of over votes: 0

Ms Jacque Blankenship, the operator of the DS-200 voting equipment, along with Mr Bill Ham then ran the election totals for the municipal ballots and Mr Paul Lux ran the election totals for the absentee ballots.

Mr Bill Ham then announced the results of the election.

**ABSENTEE BALLOT RESULTS:**

**CITY COUNCIL - GROUP 4**

Carl T. Donahoo 27

Stephen Shelton 15

**REGULAR MUNICIPAL BALLOT RESULTS:**

**CITY COUNCIL - GROUP 4**

Carl T. Donahoo 397

Stephen Shelton 123

Mr Bill Ham announced the final election results.

**FINAL VOTE TABULATION:**

**CITY COUNCIL - GROUP 4**

Carl T. Donahoo 424

Stephen Shelton 138

Congratulations to Mr Donahoo and a special thank you to Mr Stephen Shelton who participated in the election. Councilman Schaetzle moved the election results be certified and the election material be returned to the City Clerk for file. Councilwoman Alley seconded. Council Vote: Schaetzle-yes; Alley-yes; Williams-yes; Powell-yes. Motion Passed

Mr Doucet thanked Mr Bill Ham who serves as the Election Clerk; Mrs Judy Krueger as the Assistant Clerk, and all the poll workers and the Bailiff for all their hard work. Mr Doucet commended Wendy Farmer in our finance office for her support in the processing of all absentee ballots to include other assistance provided during the election. Mr Doucet thanked Mr Paul Lux; the County Supervisor of Elections and the members of his staff for the outstanding support received during this election process.

Mr Doucet stated that at this time Attorney Dixie Powell has agreed to swear in Mr. Donahoo as the winner in this election to fill the Group 4 seat on the City Council. He will serve the unexpired term of the office as per our City Charter.

The meeting adjourned at 7:30PM.

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MAYOR

ATTEST:

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CITY CLERK

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