

To: **Mayor and City Council**
Through: **Ryan Schroeder, City Manager**
From: **Shirley Buecksler, City Clerk**
Date: **July 27, 2020**

Schedule Special Meeting to Canvass State Primary Results on Friday, August 14, 2020

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

The City of West St. Paul will hold the State Primary on Tuesday, August 11, 2020. The City Council serves as the Canvassing Board for City elections. The Canvassing Board must meet to canvass the local returns and declare the results on the second or third day after a Primary (and within three to ten days after a General Election).

Per the enclosed Stipulation and Partial Consent Decree of Robert LaRose, Tera Maples, Mary Sansom, Gary Severson, and Minnesota Alliance for Retired Americans, Plaintiffs, v. Minnesota Secretary of State Steve Simon, Absentee Ballots for the State Primary must be postmarked on or before Election Day (August 11, 2020) but received by close of business at least one day prior to the beginning of the County canvass. The Dakota County Canvassing Board is scheduled to meet at 3:00 p.m. on Friday, August 14, 2020.

Therefore, because the West St. Paul Canvassing Board must meet no later than the third day after the Primary but Absentee Ballots are accepted by close of business on the second day (for those postmarked by Election Day only), this leaves **Friday, August 14, 2020** as the only available date.

Staff is proposing that the West St. Paul Canvassing Board meet to canvass results at 5:00 p.m. on Friday, August 14, 2020.

FISCAL IMPACT:

None.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Schedule a Special Meeting to canvass the State Primary results on Friday, August 14, 2020 at 5:00 p.m.