

To: **Mayor and City Council**
Through: **Ryan Schroeder, City Manager**
From: **Shirley Buecksler, City Clerk**
Date: **August 14, 2020**

Canvassing Results of the 2020 Municipal Primary

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

The City Clerk held and conducted a Municipal Primary Election on August 11, 2020 for the Mayoral seat for the City of West St. Paul. As a result, Incumbent Dave Napier and Kimetha (KaeJae) Johnson's names shall be placed on the 2020 Municipal General Election ballot for the 2020 State General Election to be held on November 3, 2020. Due to the number of candidates in each ward, Councilmember seats for Ward 1, Ward 2 and Ward 3 were not required to be on the Municipal Primary ballot and, therefore, shall move forward and be placed on the Municipal General Election ballot for the 2020 State General Election, as well.

The Abstract of Votes Cast, as provided by Dakota County Elections Office this afternoon, is enclosed for the Canvassing Board's review and approval.

In preparation for the upcoming 2020 State General Election, the Canvassing Board must set the date and time for the Canvassing Board to meet and canvass the results of the 2020 General Election in November. The City Clerk is required to accept any absentee ballots postmarked as of November 3, 2020 until 8:00 p.m. on November 10, 2020. Therefore, the dates available to canvass are November 11, November 12 or November 13 only.

Minnesota Statute 205.185:

Subd. 3. Canvass of returns, certificate of election, ballots, disposition.

(a) Between the third and tenth days after an election, the governing body of a city conducting any election including a special municipal election, or the governing body of a town conducting the general election in November shall act as the canvassing board, canvass the returns, and declare the results of the election.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that the Canvassing Board:

1. Certify that the Canvassing Board has herein specified the names of the candidates receiving votes and the number of votes received by each candidate at the State Primary held on Tuesday, August 11, 2020; and
2. Adopt Resolution No. 20-069 Canvassing the 2020 Municipal Primary Election Results and Certifying Candidates for the 2020 State General Election to be Held on Tuesday, November 3, 2020; and
3. Direct the City Clerk to place the names of the candidates listed on Resolution No. 20-069 on the Municipal General Election ballot for the 2020 State General Election to be held on Tuesday, November 3, 2020; and
4. Schedule the date and time for the Canvassing Board to meet and canvass results from the 2020 State General Election for either November 11, November 12 or November 13, 2020.