

1. Call to order

Mayor Spano called the meeting to order at 6:15 p.m.

Councilmembers present: Mayor Jake Spano, Tim Brausen, Steve Hallfin, Rachel Harris, Anne Mavity, Thom Miller, and Margaret Rog.

Councilmembers absent: None.

Staff present: City Manager (Mr. Harmening), Deputy City Manager/Human Resources Director (Ms. Deno), City Clerk (Ms. Kennedy), Elections Specialist (Mr. Sund), Communications Manager (Ms. Smith), Senior Management Analyst (Ms. Solano), and Recording Secretary (Ms. Pappas).

Guests: Larry Kraft, Nadia Mohamed

1a. Pledge of allegiance

1b. Roll call

2. Resolutions, ordinances, motions and discussion items

2a. Canvass results of Municipal General Election held on November 5, 2019

Ms. Kennedy reported on the election results. Mr. Sund compared the election statistics in St. Louis Park with those of Minneapolis' last three ranked-choice elections.

Ms. Kennedy highlighted the statistic reflecting spoiled ballots totaling 113 which is 1.71%. She noted this result was a direct result of the extensive outreach efforts related to educating residents on ranked-choice voting. She stated staff will summarize all information for the council, adding she is proud of her staff, the community and the election judges for a job well done.

Mr. Harmening also complimented the election judges, and the leadership of Ms. Kennedy and Mr. Sund. He noted staff ensured this process was successful stating it was due to the thoughtful planning and outreach and education process.

Councilmember Mavity asked how the spoiled ballot rate in 2019 compared to previous election years in St. Louis Park. Ms. Kennedy stated staff will provide that information for council.

Mayor Spano stated he also appreciated the variety of education materials that were designed and implemented by staff, and investing the time and money in outreach and education at city events.

Councilmember Harris agreed and added the most impressive piece of the outreach and education program were the creative ways staff brought the information to the voters.

Councilmember Rog asked if staff learned anything throughout this process. Ms. Kennedy stated something new is learned in every election and her staff is in the process of debriefing and reviewing items that worked, didn't work, and could be improved upon. She noted her staff is always looking for ways to improve services to voting easier for the community.

It was moved by Councilmember Brausen, seconded by Councilmember Mavity, to adopt the resolution declaring results of the Municipal General Election held November 5, 2019 as follows:

- **Mayor – Jake Spano**
- **Councilmember at large A – Larry Kraft**
- **Councilmember at large B - Nadia Mohamed**

The motion passed 6-0-1 (Mayor Spano abstained).

Ms. Kennedy stated staff will perform a post-election review via hand count of the ballots cast in the following precincts to ensure the equipment used accurately counted the ballots as they were marked.

- *Precinct 12 – hand count of councilmember at large A*
- *Precinct 7 – hand count of councilmember at large B*

3. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

Melissa Kennedy, city clerk

Jake Spano, mayor