

Monday, November 14, 2022 6:00 PM
CITY OF MINNETONKA BEACH
CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

1. Mayor Lindstrom called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.
2. **Roll Call:** Mayor Jaci Lindstrom; Council Members: Tracey Breazeale, and Treasurer Chris Zinn. Absent: Susan Enlow. Vibhu Sharma attended remotely from a public location at 700 Newport Center Drive, Newport Beach, CA 92660 due to mandated 11/18 deadline to canvass elections.
Staff members: City Administrator Heidi Honey, City Clerk Jane Burgess
3. **Approve Agenda for the November 14, 2022 City Council Meeting**
Breazeale requested to add Item #4 Open Forum to the agenda and move everything else down a number.

Breazeale motion, Sharma second to approve the November 14, 2022 amended agenda adding item #4 Open Forum to the meeting agenda. Roll Call Vote: Breazeale – aye, Sharma-aye. All ayes, the motion carried.

4. **Open Forum** - Opened 6:04 and closed at 6:04. No comments.
5. **Canvass Returns and Declare Results of November 8, 2022 City Elections**
Mayor Lindstrom congratulated City Clerk Burgess as elections expert for running successful elections this year and it was her first time. Burgess reported that 2022 Primary and General Elections went very well, with absolutely no problems. She thanked Nell Mathews, who was present at this meeting, and her son Matt for serving as an election judge and praised all the election judges who served the City this year. Burgess highlighted the outcome of the Municipal Election and the candidates who were elected to the office of Mayor: Joe Pagano, and two City Councilmembers: Chris Dovolis and Jennifer Halverson. She then reported that voter turnout was 81.3%, which is in line with previous state and local elections in Minnetonka Beach. She explained the new registered voters, and absentee voting results. Burgess stated that she spoke to young voters asking them to consider serving as an election judge in the future as there will be a need for more judges in 2024 and the future.

Mayor Lindstrom stated that the City has usually has over 90% voter turnout and asked Burgess if she knew why turnout was 81.3%. She asked if the new registered voters were young and/or new residents and Burgess stated that it was a combination of both. Burgess explained that weather was bad in the afternoon, some residents are actually residents in other states, and two changed their residency to Minnesota to vote in person at the General Election. Burgess noted that former City Administrator Susanne Griffin was a Head Judge, which was so helpful as she has a great deal of elections experience. Jeri Pagano was a Head Judge for the Primary Election and did a wonderful job in that capacity as well.

Lindstrom stated that voting in Minnetonka Beach is very easy, professional and efficient.

Breazeale stated that she voted in person with her daughter, and it was very easy in Minnetonka Beach.

Sharma stated that he was able to vote early, which he appreciated the communication of that option. He expressed his deep sense of gratitude to the staff, and judges who make elections very successful. He stated that the right to vote is so important and the integrity of elections is so important.

Zinn stated that he was so happy that his daughter was able to vote absentee as a first-time excited voter away at college, and it was an easy process. Zinn stated that he has explained to others that Burgess shared with him how airtight the elections process is here. Burgess stated that the checks and balances systems in place working with Hennepin County Elections makes the elections process so safe and secure.

Burgess thanked Administrator Honey for her assistance during the elections process and Honey stated that Burgess did a great job as there was a lot to learn for the first time conducting them. Burgess also noted how professional and resourceful the staff at Hennepin County Elections is. She concluded that we are lucky to have them in place for the cities they serve.

5.1. Canvass Returns of November 8, 2022 City Election and Declare Results - **Resolution 2022 – 51 Accepting the results of the November 8, 2022 Municipal Election**

Number of persons registered at 7 a.m.	422
Number of new registrants on Election Day	23
Total number of persons voting in the precinct	246
Number of Absent Ballots	<u>97</u>
Number Voting for General Election	343
Voter turnout of registered voters	81.3%

	<u>Candidate</u>	<u>No. of Votes</u>
Mayor:	Joe Pagano	277
	Write-ins	3
Council Member: (2 Seats)	Chris Dovolis	224
	Jennifer Halverson	254
	Write-ins	3
Treasurer:	Chris Zinn	
	Write-ins	0

Sharma motion, Breazeale second to adopt Resolution 2022 – 51 Accepting the Results of the November 8, 2022 Municipal Election. Roll Call Vote: Breazeale – aye, Sharma - aye. All ayes, the motion carried.

6. Consent Agenda

- 5.1. Orono Police Report – October 2022
- 5.2. Long Lake Fire Report – October 2022
- 5.3. **Resolution 2022 – 52** Certify Special Assessment of Unpaid Utility Bills to Tax Rolls – 2328 Lafayette Road
- 5.4. **Resolution 2022 – 53** Consider Appointment of Bridget Workman to Park Commission
- 5.5. Amending **Resolution 2022 – 18** – Appointment of Curt Holt to Park Commission correcting term expiration.

Breazeale motion, Sharma second to approve the Consent Agenda. Roll Call Vote: Breazeale – aye, Sharma – aye. All ayes, the motion carried.

7. Adjourn

Breazeale motion, Sharma second to adjourn the meeting. Roll Call Vote: Breazeale – aye, Sharma – aye. All ayes, the motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 6:13 pm.

Roll Call Guests/Members of the Public: Nell Mathews

Respectfully submitted,

Jane Burgess, City Clerk