

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHANDLER, ARIZONA, held in the Council Chambers in the Chandler Library, 22 S. Delaware, on Monday, September 22, 2008 at 6:50 p.m.

THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER BY MAYOR BOYD W. DUNN.

The following members were present:

	Boyd W. Dunn	Mayor
	Lowell Huggins	Vice-Mayor
	Bob Caccamo	Councilmember
	Trinity Donovan	Councilmember
(Telephonically)	Matt Orlando	Councilmember
	Kevin Hartke	Councilmember
	Jeff Weninger	Councilmember (arrived late)

Also in attendance:	W. Mark Pentz	City Manager
	Pat McDermott	Assistant City Manager
	Mary Wade	City Attorney
	Marla Paddock	City Clerk

CONSENT:

1. CANVASS: September 2, 2008 Primary Election

CITY CLERK MARLA PADDOCK reported that voter turnout was 18.31 %. MAYOR DUNN was re-elected at the Primary and all six council candidates will be moving forward to the November 4, 2008, General Election.

MAYOR DUNN asked how this voter turnout compared to previous elections. MS. PADDOCK responded that there was a 16% turnout in March 2006. The County Recorder has predicted an 80% countywide turnout for the November 2008 election.

Regarding availability of final results for the November election, Ms. Paddock explained that the County would be updating cities daily after the election. There has been no determination of an exact time for final results. The final results were not available for the September election until approximately a week later.

Polling locations are anticipated to be the same as for the Primary; however, voters are reminded to check their publicity pamphlet for their polling location.

COUNCILMEMBER DONOVAN asked how many voters turned out for the City portion of the election. Ms. Paddock responded that the 18.31%, or over 19,000 voters, reflects the City portion only. COUNCILMEMBER DONOVAN asked about voters who voted for other offices but did not vote for Chandler councilmembers. Ms. Paddock said that the County was unable to make that distinction. There were 19,362 Chandler voters who cast a ballot on Election Day. There were approximately 2,000 voters that did not cast a vote for Mayor; however, the County could not separate the votes of those who did not vote for councilmembers. COUNCILMEMBER DONOVAN said she was interested in what the true percentage was for those who voted in the Chandler election compared with those who voted in March of 2006 to be able to compare "apples to apples".

COUNCILMEMBER DONOVAN asked how many precincts Chandler had in the 2006 election compared with 68 for this election. Ms. Paddock responded that in March 2006, it was a city only election and there were approximately 20 precincts. Cities are allowed to consolidate their precincts whereas the County is not.

COUNCILMEMBER HARTKE asked if the same workers who worked the Primary would work the General. Ms. Paddock responded that the County tries to retain the same workers for both elections. COUNCILMEMBER HARTKE commented that there was some confusion in the September election and it could serve as training for the November election. Ms. Paddock noted that any concerns received during the Primary were forwarded to the County in hopes they would be remedied.

MOVED BY COUNCILMEMBER HARTKE, SECONDED BY VICE-MAYOR HUGGINS, TO ACCEPT THE RESULTS OF THE PRIMARY ELECTION OF SEPTEMBER 2, 2008.

COUNCILMEMBER ORLANDO said that Council would typically be certifying city-only results. He asked the City Attorney if the Council is legally able to certify the results while not knowing who voted in just the federal or state portion of the ballot. CITY ATTORNEY WADE responded that Council is legally able to make that determination. There have been previous discussions in terms of ballots cast and there is a 60-year old case that allows Council to canvass this election.

COUNCILMEMBER DONOVAN said that she did statistics for Mayor by adding the two numbers (poll votes and early ballots) and divided it by the total number of registered voters to determine what the voter turnout was for the Mayoral election. The results were 16% of registered voters voted in the Mayoral election. She asked for the percentages again to compare. Ms. Paddock responded that 16.24% voters voted overall in 2006.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (7-0).

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at approximately 6:58 p.m.

ATTEST: _____
City Clerk

Mayor

Approved: October 27, 2008

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing minutes are a true and correct copy of the minutes of the special meeting of the City Council of Chandler, Arizona, held on the 22nd day of September 2008. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

DATED this _____ day of November 2008.

City Clerk