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A special meeting of the Carson City Board of Supervisors was scheduled for 8:30 a.m. on Friday, November 18, 2022, in the Community Center Robert “Bob” Crowell Boardroom, 851 East William Street, Carson City, Nevada.

PRESENT:

Mayor Lori Bagwell
Supervisor Stacey Giomi, Ward 1
Supervisor Maurice White, Ward 2
Supervisor Stan Jones, Ward 3
Supervisor Lisa Schuette, Ward 4

STAFF:

Nancy Paulson, City Manager
Aubrey Rowlatt, Clerk-Recorder
Stephanie Hicks, Deputy City Manager
Benjamin Johnson, Senior Deputy District Attorney
Tamar Warren, Senior Deputy Clerk

NOTE: A recording of these proceedings, the Board’s agenda materials, and any written comments or documentation provided to the Clerk, during the meeting, are part of the public record. These materials are available for review, in the Clerk’s Office, during regular business hours. All meeting minutes are available for review at: <https://www.carson.org/minutes>.

1 - 3. CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL, AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

(8:29:55) – Mayor Bagwell called the meeting to order at 8:29 a.m. Ms. Rowlatt called roll and noted the presence of a quorum. At Mayor Bagwell’s request, audience member Tod Jennings led the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

(8:30:29) – Mayor Bagwell thanked Staff and the election volunteers, on behalf of the Board of Supervisors, for a successful election. She also entertained public comments.

(8:31:11) – Tod Jennings spoke on behalf of the poll workers and thanked Ms. Rowlatt and the entire Elections Division for their training and support. Mr. Jennings noted that Ms. Rowlatt had given them “the opportunity to effectively be part of something bigger than ourselves, something no one can ever doubt the legitimacy of, and something that contributes to the survivability of our democratic republic.” Mr. Jennings also presented Ms. Rowlatt with a bouquet of flowers and wished her “all the best” since she had not sought reelection.

(8:32:47) – Wayne Thorley introduced himself as the former Deputy Secretary of State for Elections (in the Nevada Secretary of State’s Office); however, he wished to speak as a private citizen. He noted that the elections had run smoothly and had “[complied] with all the State and federal election laws, the laws with which I am intimately familiar.” Mr. Thorley thanked Ms. Rowlatt for a successful election and for the opportunity to be a part of it.

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(8:34:13) – Darcy Johnson introduced herself as a registered voter, a Carson City resident, an attorney, and a recent retiree from the Legislative Counsel Bureau. Ms. Johnson indicated that she had been an election volunteer for the past three elections, adding that volunteers were paid an hourly wage. She applauded Ms. Rowlatt and her Staff, calling them “remarkably competent” and who do their work with care, precision, and enthusiasm. Ms. Johnson also urged the Board to certify the election results.

5. CLERK-RECORDER

6.A FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING THE CANVASS OF THE VOTE FOR THE 2022 GENERAL ELECTION HELD ON NOVEMBER 8, 2022.

(8:35:44) – Mayor Bagwell introduced the item. Ms. Rowlatt introduced Elections Chief Deputy Clerk Miguel Camacho and thanked the Elections Staff and “the amazingly dedicated election workers” and stated that she considered them her family. She also recognized many City departments for their assistance including Information Technology, Public Works, Facilities, the City Manager’s Office, the Parks and Recreation Department, the Carson City Sheriff’s Office, Alternative Sentencing, and the Office of the District Attorney. Ms. Rowlatt highlighted the efforts of Ms. Paulson, Ms. Hicks, Nick Artam, Stephen Wood, Alexis Philippi, Kristi Sanchez, Alana Mills, and her husband, Rick Rowlatt, who had “braved the snow to come out and help on election day.” Ms. Rowlatt believed that elections were City-wide events and had been pleased to see “the City come out and be a part of it” which would require overcoming “hurdles and obstacles to make it a success.” She also congratulated Clerk-Recorder Elect Scott Hoen.

(8:39:30) – Ms. Rowlatt presented the election results, which are incorporated into the record as late material, highlighting the following points:

- Carson City had a 63.29 percent turnout (a drop from the 2018 midterm elections which, she believed, was the result of the automatic voter registration).
- There were 185 same-day registrations (179 of which were counted).
- 205 mail ballots required a signature cure (115 of which were successfully cured).
- 1,687 mail ballots were returned as undeliverable (down from 3,895 in the 2022 primary election).

(8:41:02) – Ms. Rowlatt understood the “frustration with the delayed results;” however, she noted “we are following current Nevada law,” indicating that mailed ballots should be accepted until the fourth day after the election. She called the reporting process “an administrative nightmare” as the Division had to “balance how to report” while maintaining the secrecy of the ballots. She urged the public to call the Clerk’s Office for issues. Ms. Rowlatt called her experience as Clerk-Recorder “amazing” and submitted the Canvass of the Vote for approval by the Board. Mayor Bagwell entertained Board comments.

(8:45:40) – Supervisor Giomi wished to see every vote count; therefore, he was in favor of “getting it right, not getting it fast.” He also noted that he had received a call from a constituent who had complimented Staff for their compassion. Mayor Bagwell entertained public comments and when none were forthcoming, a motion.

(8:47:10) – Mayor Bagwell moved to accept the canvass of the vote for the November 8, 2022 general election as presented. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Schuette.

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RESULT:	APPROVED (5-0-0)
MOVER:	Mayor Bagwell
SECONDER:	Supervisor Schuette
AYES:	Supervisors Gioni, Jones, Schuette, White, and Mayor Bagwell
NAYS:	None
ABSTENTIONS:	None
ABSENT:	None

(8:47:37) – Mayor Bagwell called the election “well done.” Ms. Rowlatt received applause, a standing ovation, and flowers. Mayor Bagwell thanked all the candidates “successful or not” for their willingness to serve their community.

6. PUBLIC COMMENT

(8:48:41) – Mayor Bagwell entertained final public comments. Deni French thanked Staff for making his election experience positive by helping him with voting machine issues.

7. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: TO ADJOURN

(8:50:01) – Mayor Bagwell adjourned the meeting at 8:50 a.m.

The Minutes of the November 18, 2022 Carson City Board of Supervisors special meeting are so approved on this 15th day of December, 2022.

LORI BAGWELL, Mayor

ATTEST:

AUBREY ROWLATT, Clerk-Recorder