

MINUTES
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING
CITY OF NICEVILLE, FLORIDA
JANUARY 3, 2008

The City of Niceville City Council/Canvassing Board met in special session at 7:00 PM, January 3, 2008 in the Council Chambers, 208 N Partin Drive. All council members, except Councilwoman Boudreaux , and the Mayor were present. Also present were City Clerk, Dan Doucet; Asst City Attorney Dixie Powell; a member of the press and visitors in the audience. Mayor Wise called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Mr Doucet reported that the official ballot count from the Clerk of the Election Board as follows:

Total Number of Ballots Printed:	<u>1500</u>
Number of Unused Ballots:	<u>998</u>
Number of Voted Ballots:	<u>502</u>
Number of Spoiled Ballots:	<u>0</u>
Number of Provisional Ballots:	<u>0</u>
Number of Stubs # 1	<u>502</u>
Number of Stubs # 2	<u>502</u>

INDIVIDUAL CANDIDATE VOTES

David Branscome	<u>81</u>
Daniel L. Henkel	<u>166</u>
Frederick Jones	<u>27</u>
Roger Noel	<u>163</u>
Lynne Waltz	<u>65</u>

Mr Doucet briefed the canvassing board on the status of absentee ballots.

Total Number of Ballots Printed:	<u>100</u>
Total Number of Ballots Processed:	<u>16</u>
Total Number of Ballots Received:	<u>13</u>
Valid Ballots:	<u>13</u>
Questioned Ballots:	<u>0</u>
Voided Ballots:	<u>0</u>
Number of Ballots not received:	<u>3</u>
Number of Unused Ballots on Hand:	<u>84</u>
Total Ballots Accounted for:	<u>100</u>

Mr Doucet presented the absentee log, and remaining 84 (unused ballots) to the canvassing board for review to confirm accountability. In addition, signature verification documentation regarding the absentee ballots was presented to the canvassing board for review.

Mr Doucet placed the unopened absentee ballots on the canvassing board table for inspection by the public in accordance with Chapter 101.572, Florida Statutes. Mr Doucet advised that Chapter 101.6104, Florida Statutes provides that if any elector present believes that any ballot is illegal due to any defect apparent on the voter's certificate, the elector may, file a protest against the canvass of such ballot specifying the reason he/she believes the ballot to be illegal. No one responded. Mr Doucet then delivered the 13 ballots to the Canvassing Board. Members of the board opened the outer envelope and removed the inner envelope. A count of the inner envelopes established there were 13 envelopes. The inner envelopes were shuffled, opened, the ballots removed and counted with the following results.

David Branscome	<u>1</u>
Daniel L. Henkel	<u>0</u>
Frederick Jones	<u>0</u>
Roger Noel	<u>7</u>
Lynne Waltz	<u>5</u>

Mr Doucet then announced the final total vote:

David Branscome	<u>82</u>
Daniel L. Henkel	<u>166</u>
Frederick Jones	<u>27</u>
Roger Noel	<u>170</u>
Lynne Waltz	<u>70</u>

Councilman Smith moved the election results be certified. Councilman Thomas seconded. Council Vote: Smith-yes, Swihart-yes, Thomas-yes. Councilman Smith moved the election material be returned to the City Clerk for file. Councilman Thomas seconded. Council Vote: Smith-yes, Swihart-yes, Thomas-yes.

OTHER COMMENTS:

Mr Doucet advised that a run off election will be conducted on Jan 17, 2008 from 7:00 AM to 7:00 PM to determine who will fill the vacancy on the council. Mr Doucet advised that Mr Henkel and Mr Noel are the two candidates receiving the most votes and will be participating in the run off election.

Mr Doucet thanked Ms Freida Spence who served as the Election Clerk, and all the poll workers and the Bailiff for their efforts in support of the election.

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 PM.

MAYOR

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK