Mayor Mueller called the November 19, 2020 City Council Special Meeting to order at 4:05 p.m., Council Chambers, City Hall, 1011 N. Coronado Drive, Sierra Vista, AZ

Roll Call:
Mayor Rick Mueller - present
Mayor Pro Tem Rachel Gray - present
Council Member William Benning - present
Council Member Gwen Calhoun - present
Council Member Sarah Pacheco - present
Council Member Carolyn Umphrey - present
Council Member Kristine Wolfe - absent

Others Present:
Chuck Potucek, City Manager
Victoria Yarbrough, Assistant City Manager
Adam Thrasher, Police Chief
Nathan Williams, City Attorney
Jill Adams, City Clerk

Item 1 Acceptance of the Agenda

Council Member Umphrey moved that the Agenda for the Special City Council Meeting of November 19, 2020 be approved as written. Council Member Benning seconded the motion. The motion passed by a 6/0 vote of Mayor Mueller, Mayor Pro Tem Gray and Council Members Benning, Calhoun, Umphrey, and Pacheco.

New Business

Item 2 Resolution 2020-068, Canvass of General Election

Council Member Calhoun moved that Resolution 2020-068, Canvass of General Election, be approved. Council Member Pacheco seconded the motion.

Ms. Adams stated that the Arizona Revised Statutes require that the City canvass its election results, not less than six or more than 20 days after the election. The final results were released by the County earlier during the week and the Board of Supervisors did their canvass during the afternoon of November 19, 2020 and it was passed by a 3/0 vote for countywide. The City of Sierra Vista’s canvass only covers the votes City Council candidates only, nonpartisan, and as depicted on the results that were posted online, the City of Sierra Vista had two candidates on the ballot and four qualified write-ins running for three council seats. The two candidates, Rachel Gray and Angelica Landry were the candidates on the ballot and they each received most of the votes. Of the four qualified write-ins, two of them meet the minimum standard, which was the number of signatures required on petitions for the other candidates to be placed on the ballot. Of those two, Gregory Johnson received the most votes and therefore, he is the person qualified for the third seat. These are the results that Council will be accepting as the official election results for the City of Sierra Vista City Council Race of 2020.

Council Member Pacheco congratulated the three Council Members and offered a fond adieu to Council Members Calhoun and Wolfe, whom she will still see around. She also echoed her last
statement that she made during the last Council Meeting in that she is very confident that good elections are run in Cochise County. Votes were counted and procedures were followed.

Council Member Umphrey stated that she is extremely proud of the voter turnout in Sierra Vista and the County, which was over 73 percent and she believes that this a record for the area. She also congratulated all the candidates and noted that this was a tough year to run and she is grateful that there were many people putting in their names to be elected.

The motion passed by a 6/0 vote of Mayor Mueller, Mayor Pro Tem Gray and Council Members Benning, Calhoun, Umphrey, and Pacheco.

Mayor Mueller echoed the comments already stated and added that Council is looking forward to working with Ms. Gray, Dr. Landry, and Mr. Johnson. He encouraged the other folks that ran and are still interested in local government to consider a City Board or Commission.

Adjournment

Mayor Mueller adjourned the November 19, 2020 special meeting of the Sierra Vista City Council at 4:10 p.m.

Mayor Frederick W. Mueller

MINUTES PREPARED BY: ATTEST:

Maria G. Marsh, Deputy Clerk Jill Adams, City Clerk