Present: Mayor David Alvord, Council Member Patrick Harris, Council Member Brad Marlor, Council Member Don Shelton, Council Member Chris Rogers, City Recorder Anna West

Others: See Attachment A

CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS

4:30 P.M. General Election – Board of Canvass Meeting

Mayor David Alvord welcomed everyone present. He noted that all Council Members were present.

Mayor Alvord said there was an email send by City Recorder Anna West that had all Board of Canvass documents. Mayor Alvord read the total votes for each Election Candidate as shown on Exhibit A of Resolution R2017-50. He congratulated Dawn Ramsey, Don Shelton and Jason McGuire.

Mayor Alvord said we would need a motion for approval of Resolution R2017-50. He asked if there were questions before taking a motion.

Council Member Rogers said it looks like there were 116 Ballots that were not counted; is that right? City Recorder West said that is correct; she said there is a breakdown of why they were not counted.

Council Member Rogers said with regards to the signatures that do not match, did they notify you or someone about them. City Recorder West said SL County makes every effort to contact the voters to get a valid signature and if they cannot get that done, they do not count it; that goes for the unsigned and the signatures that do not match.

Council Member Zander asked what it mean that the postmark is invalid. City Recorder West said that means that it was most likely postmarked after the deadline cutoff.

Council Member Shelton said back during the Primary we had a breakdown of the votes by precinct. Do you have that? City Recorder West said that was one of the documents sent to you in your email.

Mayor Alvord asked for a motion to approve Resolution R2017-50 accepting and adopting the Canvass of Votes.

Council Member Marlor made a motion to approve Resolution R2017-50 and the Canvass Report adopting the 2017 General Election Canvass of Vote Returns. Council Member Zander seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote was 5-0 in favor.
Mayor Alvord said, just as a reminder this resolution requires the signature of every Council Member as well as myself.

Mayor Alvord asked if anyone had remarks regarding the election. He said I was a bit surprised to see that the prior Council were the ones to make the decision to Vote by Mail. I think the anticipation was that we would see a bit increase in voter turnout. He said for the Mayor’s race, I happen to remember the numbers and the increase was only about 1500 votes even though the number of registered voters went up by 5,000 votes.

Council Member Marlor said I think that in an off presidential election year you will see fewer voters. He said I am hoping that in two years that will actually come up.

Council Member Rogers said it just goes to show you that even when someone’s ballot is actually mailed right to them and it is right in front of them, they still won’t make the effort to pick up a pen and fill it out. City Recorder West said they also do not have to pay for postage. Council Member Rogers said this is the most convenient we can make it and there are still people that don’t want to make the effort.

Mayor Alvord said I am grateful that we have good people willing to run. Often times there are races that people run unopposed and I think it is healthier to give the voters some options.

Council Member Rogers welcomed our newly elected. He said everyone ran good campaigns and all of them did exceptional jobs at campaigning. He congratulated all that won and said he is sure the Mayor and Council-elect will do a fine job in leading the City going forward. He said they have a lot of big decisions to make, one of which will be the Glenmoor Golf Course.

Council Member Shelton said he thought, earlier in that year, that he would be running unopposed. I had mixed emotions when there were two candidates running against me. I agree with the Mayor that campaigning is a healthy thing. It can be stressful and all consuming. Even if you feel confident, you just don’t know until it is done. He said I think that getting out, meeting so many people is very healthy, and helps form my thinking going forward for the next 4-years.

Council Member Harris congratulated Dawn Ramsey, Don Shelton and Jason McGuire. He thanked everyone else that ran. He said one of the best things about campaigning is talking to your constituents and understand what it is that they want. I would write down some of the issues that you heard multiple times so when you are voting on issues, you should always reflect on what you heard the people say they wanted.

Council Member Marlor said I want to congratulate those of you who were elected. Those of you who came in second are not losers because you gained a lot of insight by your campaigning. I ran twice and I did not win. If you want to be elected, sometimes it takes a lot of determination and effort and to decide if that is what you really want. I think it is important during the election cycle that issues are brought out that are relevant to all candidates and to all constituents. I am looking forward to working with this new group.
Council Member Zander said thanks for running. It is so rewarding to have so much positive to say about each of you and I took the opportunity to share the positive about each of the candidates. We are very fortunate in the City of South Jordan to have very forthright, honest people full of integrity that have the desire to do what is right here in our City. That is not always the case such as candidates in other Cities. I am also excited to have another female on the dais. I heard what Patrick said and I think that is valid to remember what your constituents say; however, it is my opinion that when we sit as a Council we are really making decisions as to what is best for the City as a whole. I would encourage you to think that way because we are here to help our City move forward in the best possible light.

Mayor Alvord said we do have some upcoming meetings that will be important for our Council-elect such as the December 5th Council Meeting. He said we are having a Special joint meeting with the Planning Commission on November 30th; January 2nd will be the Oath of Office meeting and a reception for the new incoming Mayor and Council-elect.

City Manager Gary Whatcott said the meeting on December 5th will be for awards and a social for the outgoing Mayor and Council and their families.

**Council Member Rogers motioned to adjourn the November 21, 2017 Board of Canvass of Votes meeting. Vote was unanimous in favor.**

**ADJOURNMENT**

The Board of Canvass meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

Meeting Minutes were prepared by City Recorder Anna West.

**This is a true and correct copy of the November 21, 2017 Council Special Board of Canvass Meeting Minutes, which were approved on December 5, 2017.**

Anna M. West
South Jordan City Recorder