

## FARMINGTON CITY COUNCIL MEETING

November 10, 2015

### Work Session

*Present: Mayor Jim Talbot, Council Members Doug Anderson, John Bilton, Cory Ritz and Jim Young, City Manager Dave Millheim, and City Recorder Holly Gadd.*

### Special Canvass

**Holly Gadd** said the County gave the results for the recount earlier today. The percentage of voter turnout increased since doing vote by mail. The City had 43.9% voter turnout. Doug Anderson got 2510 votes, Cory Ritz got 1914 votes, Bret Anderson got 1910, Jim Young got 1884 votes, Katherine Hawkes got 1547 votes, and Desiree Porter got 1335 votes. The candidates who will fill the three open City Council seats are Doug Anderson, Cory Ritz, and Jim Young. She said the report breaks out the votes by precincts and by voting method. **Mayor Talbot** expressed heartfelt thanks to Jim Young for his hard work on the Council and said his presence would be missed. He also welcomed Bret Anderson and said they would coordinate training for him. He asked Holly if she was comfortable with the results. **Cory Ritz** asked why there were a number of votes that were not counted on election night. **Holly Gadd** said it takes some time for the County to match the signatures with the ones on record, which have to be checked before the vote can be counted. They also have to make sure the voters did not turn in a mail in ballot and vote at the polls. She said it is a longer process to go through the paper ballots. **Jim Young** asked if Holly observed any of the counting, and **Holly Gadd** said she observed some of the earlier votes but not the last 900 votes. **Jim Young** asked if there is a margin within which the recount can be contested. **Holly Gadd** said the margin has to be one quarter of a percent of the total votes cast, which would be 27 votes in this case. She said the difference between Jim Young and Bret Anderson is 26 votes. She said it would have to be a formal request from Jim Young. **Dave Millheim** asked if accepting the canvass would prevent Jim Young from being able to request a recount, and **Holly Gadd** said it would not. **Mayor Talbot** asked if she was confident in that, and she said she can call to make certain. **Jim Young** said the reason he would consider requesting a recount is because there were so many votes left to be counted after election night. He said he does not know who observes the counting of those votes. He said he would like to know how the process works. **Mayor Talbot** said they could accept the canvass vote and hope that Jim Young can still request a recount, or they could table it until the Council meeting on the 17<sup>th</sup>. He said he would leave it up to whomever would make the motion. **Doug Anderson** said he would recommend that Jim Young make the motion, but **Jim Young** said he was planning to abstain.

### *Motion:*

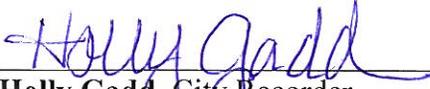
**John Bilton** made a motion to table the vote on the Canvass until the next City Council meeting on November 17, and to direct staff to confirm that if the Canvass is approved, the candidate can still ask for a recount.

**Doug Anderson** seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved. Jim Young abstained.

**ADJOURNMENT**

***Motion:***

At 5:35 p.m., **John Bilton** made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Doug Anderson seconded the motion which was unanimously approved.

  
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**Holly Gadd**, City Recorder  
Farmington City Corporation