

**City Council of the Mayor and Council of New Castle  
Special Council Meeting – Canvass of the Votes for the 2009 City Election  
Monday – April 20, 2009 – 8 p.m.**

Present:

Council President William Blest  
Councilperson Donald Reese  
Councilperson Janet Churchill  
Councilperson Teel Petty

Absent:

Councilperson John Gaworski

Also Present:

City Treasurer Janet Carlin, City Administrator Cathryn Thomas

Members of the New Castle City Board of Elections: Marianne Caven (Chair), Richard Pennell, Grace Hayford, Pat Salter Flynn, Faythe Waterloo, Shannon Nelson

Council President Blest reported that Mayor Klingmeyer had called him earlier in the day and said he would not be able to make this meeting.

Council President Blest noted that a formal request for a recount of the votes for the position of Council President had been requested by Councilperson Churchill, who was a candidate for that position.

Board of Elections Chair Caven reported the following results:

Mayor Candidates:	Votes Received:
John F. Klingmeyer	446
Somasunderam Padmalingam	382

Council President Candidates:	Votes Received:
William J. Barthel	415
Janet I. Churchill	405

Council Candidates:	Votes Received:
Jan Clairmont	212
John W. Cochran	463
John J. Gaworski, Jr.	479
Esther Lovlie	363
Ted Megginson	529
Teel Petty	374
William A. Robinett	306

City Treasurer Candidate:	Votes Received:
Janet E. Carlin	721

City Clerk Candidate:  
Michael A. Dickinson

Votes Received:  
612

Council President Blest said that the request for the recount would be honored. Board of Elections Chair Caven reread the machine tallies from the slips taken from inside the voting machines and Council President Blest verified that the numbers read matched what had been previously written down as the results on election night. There were no discrepancies.

Board of Elections Member Pennell sorted the absentee ballots and provided them to Board of Elections Chair Caven, who counted them aloud and Council President Blest verified the numbers previously written as the results. There was temporarily one discrepancy of one vote less in District 2 for Candidate Churchill. At the end of the process, however, there was one absentee ballot leftover, a vote for Candidate Churchill, where it was unknown as to which district it belonged. The expectation was that this vote belonged in District 2, which would then have the recount match the original count from election night with no discrepancies.

Councilperson Churchill made a motion to accept the canvass of the votes from the election. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Petty and passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Cathryn C. Thomas  
City Administrator