

**City Council Special Meeting
December 20, 2022
Council Chambers
6:00 PM**

COUNCILORS PRESENT

Councilor Beaudoin
Councilor Berlin
Councilor de Geofroy
Councilor Desrochers (remote)
Councilor Fontneau
Councilor Gilman
Councilor Gray
Councilor Hailey
Councilor Hamann
Councilor Larochelle
Councilor Malone
Deputy Mayor Lachapelle
Mayor Callaghan

OTHERS PRESENT

Blaine Cox, City Manager
Katie Ambrose, Deputy City Manager
Terence O'Rourke, City Attorney

Minutes

1. Call to Order

Mayor Callaghan called the Special Meeting to order at 6:00 PM. He asked all present to stand and Councilor Beaudoin led the Pledge of allegiance.

Deputy City Clerk Cassie Givara took the roll call attendance. All Councilors were present except for Councilor Malone, who arrived to the meeting at 6:09 PM. Councilor Desrochers was connecting to the meeting remotely via Teams. Mayor Callaghan asked if it was reasonably impractical for Council Desrochers to attend the meeting in person. Councilor Desrochers confirmed that is correct. She stated she was alone in the room besides her minor child.

2. Resolution Establishing Polling Place and Times for the February 21, 2022 District 8 Special Election *first reading in its entirety and consideration for adoption*

Councilor Lachapelle **MOVED** to read the resolution for the first time in its entirety. Councilor Hamann seconded the motion. The **MOTION CARRIED** by a unanimous roll call vote with Councilors Hamann Desrochers, Gilman, Fontneau, Larochelle, Gray, de Geofroy, Berlin, Hailey, Lachapelle, Beaudoin, and Mayor Callaghan all voting in favor. Mayor Callaghan read the resolution in its entirety as follows:

**Resolution Establishing Polling Place and Times for the
February 21, 2023 District 8 Special Election**

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ROCHESTER:

That the following polling places are hereby established for the City of Rochester for the upcoming February 21, 2023 District 8 Special Election:

WARD 4: McClelland Elementary School
59 Brock Street, Rochester

The Special Election will be conducted consistent with the parameters established by way of the Resolution adopted by the New Hampshire House of Representatives on December 7, 2022 (Exhibit A)

Further, in accordance with RSA 659:4, and Section 47 of the City Charter – The polling place shall be open from 8:00 A.M. to 7:00 P.M., on said Election Day. The Processing of Absentee Ballots shall begin at 10:00 AM on Election Day.

Councilor Lachapelle **MOVED** to **ADOPT** the resolution. Councilor Hamann seconded the motion. The **MOTION CARRIED** by a unanimous roll call vote with Councilors de Geofroy, Beaudoin, Hamann, Desrochers, Lachapelle, Berlin, Hainey, Laroche, Gray, Gilman, Fontneau, and Mayor Callaghan all voting in favor.

3. Adjournment

Mayor Callaghan **ADJOURNED** the City Council Special meeting at 6:02 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cassie Givara
Deputy City Clerk

House Resolution 6

calling for a special run-off election for representative to the general court between
Chuck Grassie and David Walker.

Whereas, the general election in Strafford county district 8 has ultimately resulted
in a tie between Chuck Grassie and David Walker; and

Whereas, this House has both the constitutional authority to settle this matter by
voting to seat one of these candidates and a tradition of endorsing the concept of
elections settling a tie; and

Whereas, the House believes that the voters of that district have already indicated
by their close vote that they wish to be represented in the General Court by one of
these individuals; now, therefore be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives:

That this seat be declared vacant and the election be returned to the voters of
Strafford county district 8 as legally constituted as of November 8, 2022, to uphold
the principle of one person, one vote; and

That, if the city of Rochester chooses to hold a special election to determine their
choice for representative to the General Court, the House of Representatives orders
that the ballots used in that run-off election contain only the names of Chuck
Grassie and David Walker with no blank appearing; and

That the Clerk of the House transmit a copy of this resolution to the Secretary of
State, Chuck Grassie and David Walker; and

That all communications to the Clerk of the House from the parties at interest in
this matter be entered in the House Journal.