City Council Canvassing Board Meeting Agenda

DATE	TIME	LOCATION
Tuesday, November 10, 2026	Following Council Meeting	City Hall, 1920 County Road 90

Please note: the City Council will convene as the City Canvassing Board **immediately following** the 5:30 PM regular City Council meeting.

AGENDA

01 Call to Order

02 Roll Call

03 Canvass of the November 3, 2026 Municipal General Election

The City Council will convene as the City Canvassing Board pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, Section 205.185, Subd. 3, to canvass the returns and declare the results of the November 3, 2026 Municipal General Election.

a. **RESOLUTION No. 26-1110-03** – Resolution canvassing the returns and declaring the results of the November 3, 2026 Municipal General Election.

04 Adjourn

CITY OF INDEPENDENCE

City Council

CITY COUNCIL STAFF REPORT

Canvass of the November 3, 2026 General Election

Resolution No. 26-1110-03 • City Council Acting as the City Canvassing Board

To:	Mayor and City Council
From:	Amber Simon, Administrative Services Director
Meeting Date:	Tuesday, November 10, 2026, Immediately Following the 5:30 PM City Council Meeting
Action Type:	Resolution Canvassing the Returns and Declaring the Results

REQUEST

The City Council is asked to convene as the City Canvassing Board, canvass the returns of the November 3, 2026 Municipal General Election, and adopt Resolution No. 26-1110-03, which declares the official results and the candidates duly elected.

DISCUSSION

The City held its municipal general election on Tuesday, November 3, 2026, in conjunction with the State General Election. Two Council Member seats, each for a four year term, were on the ballot. All voting in the City took place in a single precinct, and Hennepin County tabulated the returns, which have been reported by the Minnesota Secretary of State.

Minnesota Statutes, Section 205.185, Subd. 3 requires the City Council to act as the canvassing board, canvass the returns, and declare the candidate duly elected who received the highest number of votes for each municipal office. The 2026 Legislature extended the window for the canvass to the third through fourteenth days after the election (Laws 2026, Chapter 102, Section 9). For this election, the canvass must be completed between Friday, November 6 and Tuesday, November 17, 2026.

Election Results

Five candidates filed for the two Council Member seats. The results for the City of Independence, with one of one precincts reporting, are as follows:

Candidate	Votes	Percent	Result
Brad Fisher	**1,019**	**33.84%**	**Elected**
Cathy Iverson	**650**	**21.59%**	**Elected**
Jon-Paul Story	569	18.90%	
Hal Tearse	481	15.97%	
Edward L. Genereux	275	9.13%	
Write In	17	0.56%	
Total Votes Cast	**3,011**	**100.00%**	

Voter Turnout

A total of 2,346 Independence voters cast ballots. With 2,996 voters registered at 7:00 a.m. and 62 election day registrations, voter turnout was 76.7 percent. Because each voter could vote for up to two Council Member candidates, the total votes cast for the office exceed the number of voters.

Next Steps

Following the canvass, the City Clerk will certify the results to the Hennepin County Auditor. A seven day period for contesting the election begins upon completion of the canvass. If no contest is filed, the City Clerk will issue a Certificate of Election to each successful candidate, and the newly elected Council Members will take the oath of office prior to the start of their terms in January 2027.

Recommendation

It is recommended that the City Council, acting as the City Canvassing Board, adopt Resolution No. 26-1110-03, accepting the canvass of the November 3, 2026 Municipal General Election and declaring Brad Fisher and Cathy Iverson duly elected to the office of Council Member for four year terms beginning in January 2027.

Attachments: Resolution No. 26-1110-03, including Exhibit A (Official Election Results); Hennepin County Abstract of Votes

CITY OF INDEPENDENCE
HENNEPIN COUNTY, MINNESOTA

RESOLUTION NO. 26-1110-03

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF INDEPENDENCE CANVASSING THE RETURNS AND DECLARING THE RESULTS OF THE NOVEMBER 3, 2026 MUNICIPAL GENERAL ELECTION

WHEREAS, the City of Independence (the "City") held its municipal general election on November 3, 2026, to elect two Council Members, each for a four year term; and

WHEREAS, Minnesota Statutes, Section 205.185, Subd. 3 requires the City Council, acting as the canvassing board, to canvass the returns and declare the results between the third and fourteenth days after the election; and

WHEREAS, the City Council, acting as the City Canvassing Board, canvassed the returns on November 10, 2026, as set forth in Exhibit A.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Independence, Minnesota, acting as the City Canvassing Board, that the canvass set forth in Exhibit A is accepted, and that Brad Fisher and Cathy Iverson, having received the highest number of votes, are declared duly elected to the office of Council Member for four year terms beginning in January 2027.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Clerk is directed to certify the results to the Hennepin County Auditor and, after the time for contesting the election has passed, to issue a Certificate of Election to each candidate declared elected.

Adopted by the City Council of the City of Independence this 10th day of November 2026, by a vote of _____ ayes and _____ nays.

_____
Brad Spencer, Mayor

ATTEST:

_____
Mark Kaltsas, City Administrator

EXHIBIT A

OFFICIAL ELECTION RESULTS

Council Member (Elect 2), November 3, 2026 Municipal General Election:

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Ballots cast: 2,346. Voters registered at 7:00 a.m.: 2,996. Election day registrations: 62. Precincts reporting: 1 of 1.