



**Agenda**  
**City Council Meeting**  
**Monday, May 19, 2025, 5:00 PM**  
**City Council Chambers | 2780 Kelley Parkway, Orono, MN 55356**  
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**Roll Call**

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Approval of Agenda**

**Consent Agenda**

*These items are considered routine and will be enacted by one motion with no discussion unless a council member or staff requests and the item will be removed from the consent agenda for separate discussion and action.*

1. [Election Recap](#)
2. [Canvass Election Results - Resolution 7592](#)
3. [Donation of Volunteer Time - Resolution 7593](#)

**Adjournment**

## AGENDA ITEM



**Date:** May 19, 2025

**Item:** 1

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**Title:** Election Recap

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**Presenter:** Christine Lusian, City Clerk

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**Section:** Consent Agenda

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1. **Purpose:**

Summary of election services for the special

2. **Background:**

Orono administered election services to our voters for a special election. One nonpartisan local office of a council member seat was on the ballot. Elections [results](#) are considered unofficial until canvassed and certified.

Election day voting was held on Tuesday, May 13 at each of the three polling places, Long Lake Fire Department (Precinct 1), City Hall Council Chambers (Precinct 2), and Calvary Memorial Church (Precinct 3). Public Works employees transported equipment and supplies to and from the polling places the day prior and after the election. Long Lake Fire Department and Calvary Memorial Church employees cleared and provided space in their facilities. Below are a few notable election day statistics:

- 6,501 pre-registered voters; 7 new registrations
- 484 election day voters (P1=224, P2=105, P3=155)
- 38 election judges

Early voting services were provided from March 28 to May 12 at city hall, including a weekday evening, a Saturday and outreach at two health care facilities. Direct balloting services were available April 25 to May 12. Some early voting statistics:

- 373 early voters
- 324 voted in person; 49 voted by mail; 3 voted from a health care facility

Special thanks to administration employees Nola Dickhausen, Tano Mejia, and Rachel Cotter for all their work assisting with preparing and coordinating early voting, judges, training, communications, and election day support! Thank you to Clint Schumann and the Public Works crew for the secure equipment setup and storage. Thank you to all of our stand out election judges, especially head judges Kirk Nelson, Sandra Keegan, Cathy Wilkins. Thank you to Hennepin County Elections staff for their support, along with the Long Lake Fire Department and Calvary Church for being strong partners and allowing Orono voters to be in their spaces.

Post-election administration work is in process, including returns reconciliation, election judge paychecks, record retention, equipment inspection, and more.

3. **Staff Recommendation:**

None - informational only.

**COUNCIL ACTION REQUESTED**

None- informational only.

**Exhibits**

Thanks Election Judges & Partners



# Thank you!

to all of our

## ELECTION JUDGES & PARTNERS



### SPECIAL ELECTION

### FOR CITY COUNCIL MEMBER

- ADRIAN WEAR
- AINSLEY KAUFMAN
- BONNIE MARTINSON
- BRYAN WHITEHEAD
- CARL BORG
- CARRIE WOYCHICK
- CATHY WILKINS
- DANA SHEEHAN
- DEBRA CORNICK
- DEBORAH HOUSTON
- HOLLY ROCCA
- IRV FISH
- JANNA SUNDBY
- JENNIFER WEISS
- JILL KUNZE
- JOY GRUNDEEN
- KATY SHANNON
- KATIE THOMPSON
- KEVIN LANDGRAVER
- KIRK NELSON
- LEONARD FREEMAN
- LINDSAY FREEMAN
- MARY TUCKER
- NANCY DANIELSON
- NATALIE BARINSKY
- PENNY SAIKI
- REGINA ENGBRITSON
- RICHARD ROHRER
- SAM TIFT
- SANDIE BERGER
- SANDRA KEEGAN
- SANDY WHISLER
- SHERRY WHITE
- SUSAN BRO
- SUSAN HEURUNG
- TANO MEJIA
- THOMAS CADY
- THEODORE SCHULTZE
- HENNEPIN COUNTY
- CALVERY MEMORIAL CHURCH
- LONG LAKE FIRE DEPARTMENT
- ORONO PUBLIC WORKS



**AGENDA ITEM**



**Date:** May 19, 2025

**Item:** 2

**Title:** Canvass Election Results - Resolution 7592

**Presenter:** Christine Lusian, City Clerk

**Section:** Consent Agenda

1. **Purpose:**

Canvass the results of the special election

2. **Background:**

The city council serves as the canvassing board for city elections to review the vote totals and approve the results. An abstract accumulates results from three precincts, the canvass board publicly canvasses the election returns by reviewing and signing the abstract three to ten days after an election, and the results become official. The candidate will take his oath and be sworn in to his new role at the city council meeting on May 27, 2025.

<u>Registered voters:</u>	6,501
<u>Ballots cast:</u>	857
Absentee:	373
Election Day:	484
<u>Voter turnout:</u>	13%
<u>City Council:</u>	<u>Votes:</u>
Ryan Kanive	70
Bruce Lemke	324
Jon Schwingler	348
Aigul "Gigi" Simpson	68
Todd Trettel	47
Write-Ins	0

3. **Staff Recommendation:**

Review the vote totals and approve the results.

**COUNCIL ACTION REQUESTED**

Sign the abstract and adopt resolution 7592 canvassing the returns of the May 13, 2025 special election.

**Exhibits**

[A. Abstract](#)

[B. Resolution 7592 Canvass Election Returns](#)

Abstract of Votes Cast  
In the Precincts of the City of Orono  
State of Minnesota  
County of Hennepin  
at the City Special Election  
Held Tuesday, May 13, 2025  
as compiled from the official returns.

Summary of Totals

City of Orono

Tuesday, May 13, 2025 City Special Election

Number of persons registered as of 7 am	6501
Number of persons registered on Election Day	7
Number of accepted regular, military, and overseas absentee ballots and mail ballots	373
Number of federal offices only absentee ballots	0
Number of presidential absentee ballots	0
Total number of persons voting	857

Detail of Election Results

City of Orono

Tuesday, May 13, 2025 City Special Election

Precinct	Persons Registered as of 7am	Persons Registered on Election Day	Total Number of Persons Voting
P1	2413	3	395
P2	1782	4	237
P3	2306	0	225
<b>Total</b>	<b>6501</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>857</b>

Office Title: Council Member (Orono) (Elect 1)

Precinct	<i>No Party</i> Ryan Kanive	<i>No Party</i> Bruce Lemke	<i>No Party</i> Jon Schwinger	<i>No Party</i> Aigul "Gigi" Simpson	<i>No Party</i> Todd Trettel	Write-In
P1	24	162	181	23	5	0
P2	27	79	101	20	10	0
P3	19	83	66	25	32	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>324</b>	<b>348</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>0</b>

We, the legally constituted city canvassing board, certify that we have herein specified the names of the persons receiving votes and the number of votes received by each office voted on, at the City Special Election held on Tuesday, May 13, 2025.

As appears by the returns of the election precincts voting in this election, duly returned to, filed, opened, and canvassed, and now remaining on file in the office of the City Clerk of Orono, Minnesota. Witness our official signature at City of Orono Council Chambers in Hennepin County this 19<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2025.

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Bob Tunheim, Member of canvassing board

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Alisa Benson, Member of canvassing board

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Jacqueline Ricks, Member of canvassing board

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Steve Persian, Member of canvassing board

State of Minnesota

County of Hennepin

City of Orono

I, Christine Lusian, City Clerk of Orono, Minnesota do hereby certify the within and foregoing four pages to be a full and correct copy of the original abstract and return of the votes cast in the City of Orono Special Election held on Tuesday, May 13, 2025.

Witness my hand and official seal of office this 19<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2025.

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Christine Lusian, City Clerk



**CITY OF ORONO**  
RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL  
NO. 7592

**RESOLUTION CANVASSING THE RETURNS OF THE  
SPECIAL ELECTION MAY 13, 2025**

**WHEREAS** the city of Orono administered a special election May 13, 2025; and

**WHEREAS** the local race on the ballot is for the remainder of a four-year term for office of council member; and

**WHEREAS** the City Council acts as the election canvassing board for the local offices in order to approve the results; and

**WHEREAS** the City Council met to canvass the election results on May 19, 2025 and the votes tabulated were:

<b>Candidate</b>	<b>Total Votes</b>	<b>P1</b>	<b>P2</b>	<b>P3</b>
Ryan Kanive	70	24	27	19
Bruce Lemke	324	162	79	83
Jon Schwingler	348	181	101	66
Aigul "Gigi" Simpson	68	23	20	25
Todd Trettel	47	5	10	32
Write-Ins	0	0	0	0

**RESOLVED** that the Orono City Council declares elected and qualified for office, **Jon Schwingler, City Council Member** in the special election of May 13, 2025.

Adopted by the City Council of Orono, Minnesota at a special meeting held May 19, 2025.

**ATTEST:**

**CITY OF ORONO**

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Christine Lusian, City Clerk

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Bob Tunheim, Mayor

**AGENDA ITEM**



**Date:** May 19, 2025

**Item:** 3

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**Title:** Donation of Volunteer Time - Resolution 7593

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**Presenter:** Christine Lusian, City Clerk

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**Section:** Consent Agenda

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1. **Purpose:**  
Accept volunteer time
2. **Donations Received:**  
Volunteer time for election work and training.

**COUNCIL ACTION REQUESTED**

Adopt resolution 7593 accepting volunteer time.

**Exhibits**

[A. Resolution 7593 Election Volunteers](#)



**CITY OF ORONO**  
RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL  
NO. 7593

**A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING DONATION**

**WHEREAS**, election judges must be paid at least minimum wage for work and training (Minnesota Statutes § 204B.31 subd. 1); and

**WHEREAS**, election judges can volunteer to work without pay if they submit a written statement at least ten days before the election (Minnesota Statutes § 204B.31 subd. 2); and

**WHEREAS**, the city of Orono can accept donations for the benefit of its residents (Minnesota Statutes § 465.03 et seq.); and

**WHEREAS**, election judges must receive training before working an election (Minnesota Rules § 8240.1300 subp. 1; and

**WHEREAS**, the city of Orono administered a special election on May 13; and

**WHEREAS**, the donation of time has been offered to Orono for the benefit of its voters and residents; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council finds it appropriate to accept the following volunteer time:

Name	Volunteer Hours	Description
Susan Bro	31.25	training, early voting
Kevin Landgraver	10	training, election day voting
Debra Cornick	10	training, election day voting
Irv Fish	2	training

**RESOLVED** that the Orono City Council gratefully accepts the volunteer time from the generous election judges listed above.

Adopted by the City Council of Orono, Minnesota at a regular meeting held on May 19, 2025.

**ATTEST:**

**CITY OF ORONO**

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Christine Lusian, City Clerk

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Bob Tunheim, Mayor