

**LEWISTON CITY COUNCIL AGENDA
SPECIAL MEETING**

Wednesday, November 9, 2011

City Council Chambers

6:00 pm

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.
Moment of Silence.

SPECIAL MEETING

1. Approval of the Election Warrant calling for a Special Municipal Election to be held on Tuesday, December 13, 2011 for the Special Mayoral Run-Off Election and Recommendations from the City Clerk/Registrar of Voters on actions necessary to conduct said election.
2. Adjourn

LEWISTON CITY COUNCIL

MEETING OF NOVEMBER 9, 2011

AGENDA INFORMATION SHEET:

AGENDA ITEM NO. 1

SUBJECT:

Approval of the Election Warrant calling for a Special Municipal Election to be held on Tuesday, December 13, 2011 for the Special Mayoral Run-Off Election and Recommendations from the City Clerk/Registrar of Voters on actions necessary to conduct said election.

INFORMATION:

The City held the 2011 regular municipal election on November 8 to elect the municipal officers. Section 7.06 of the City Charter requires that the Mayor be elected by a majority of the votes cast. There were 10,106 votes cast in the Nov. 8 election. Five candidates ran for Mayor yet none received a majority of the vote. The Charter requires that a special Mayoral Run-Off election be held between the two candidates who received the highest number of votes, and the election must be held within 45 days of the original vote. As such, the City Clerk is recommending the Council set the election for Tuesday, December 13 and to conduct all voting at the Multi-Purpose Center.

For this agenda item, the Council is asked to approve the warrant calling for the special election, to set the hours of voter registration in accordance with state law, to set the times for processing absentee ballots per the City Clerk's recommendations, and to appoint the City Clerk as the Election Warden for this special election.

APPROVAL AND/OR COMMENTS OF CITY ADMINISTRATOR:

The City Administrator recommends approval of the requested action.

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REQUESTED ACTION:

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To approve the Order authorizing the Approval of the Election Warrant calling for a Special Municipal Election to be held on December 13, 2011 for the Special Mayoral Run-Off Election and Recommendations from the City Clerk/Registrar of Voters on actions necessary to conduct said election.

City of Lewiston Maine
City Council Order
November 9, 2011

Order, Authorizing the Approval of the Election Warrant calling for a Special Municipal Election to be held on December 13, 2011 for the Special Mayoral Run-Off Election and Recommendations from the City Clerk/Registrar of Voters on actions necessary to conduct said election.

Whereas, the City held the 2011 regular municipal election on November 8, 2011 for the election of the municipal officers; and

Whereas, the City Charter requires the Mayor be elected by a majority of the votes cast; and

Whereas, there were 10, 106 votes cast in the November 8, 2011 election; and

Whereas, of the five candidates who ran for the Office of Mayor, none of the candidates received a majority of the votes cast; and

Whereas, the City Charter requires that a special Mayoral Run-Off election be held between the two candidates who received the highest number of votes; and

Whereas, the City Charter also requires that the Mayoral Run-Off election be held within 45 days of the original election; and

Whereas, the City Clerk is recommending the special election be held on Tuesday, December 13, 2011 at the Lewiston Multi-Purpose Community Center on 145 Birch Street;

Now, Therefore, Be It Ordered by the City Council of the City of Lewiston

That the Election Warrant be issued for the Special Municipal Election to be held on Tuesday, December 13, 2011 for the purpose of voting for the Special Mayoral Run-Off Election, and to approve the following recommendations from the City Clerk/Registrar of Voters on actions necessary to conduct the Special Municipal Election:

- A. That the hours for acceptance of registrations in person only, prior to the Dec. 13th election, as required by MRSA Title 21A, sec. 122, 6A(2), be set at 8:00am to 4:30pm, Nov. 23 through Dec.12, 2011.
- B. That the names of those persons who register during the closed session for registration shall be recorded in accordance with MRSA Title 21A, sec. 122, subsec. 7B.
- C. Pursuant to Title 21A, sec 759(7), absentee ballots will be processed at the polling place at 1:30pm, 6:00pm, 7:00pm and any and all remaining shall be processed at 8:00pm, if necessary.
- D. To appoint the City Clerk as the City's Election Warden and the Deputy Registrar of Voters as the City's Ward Clerk, for the Dec. 13 election.

WARRANT FOR SPECIAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION
CITY OF LEWISTON
SPECIAL MAYORAL RUN-OFF ELECTION
DECEMBER 13, 2011

County of Androscoggin, SS.

To Michael Bussiere, a constable of Lewiston, Maine: You are hereby required in the name of the State of Maine to notify the voters of the City of Lewiston of the election described in this warrant:

To all voters of the City of Lewiston: You are hereby notified that a Special Municipal Election in this municipality will be held on Tuesday, December 13, 2011, at the citywide, central voting place:

Lewiston Multi-Purpose Community Center, 145 Birch Street

Said election being held for the purpose of conducting a run-off election for the Office of Mayor.

The polls shall be opened at 7:00 a.m. and closed at 8:00 p.m.. Absentee ballots will be processed at the polling place at 1:30 p.m, 6:00 p.m., 7:00 p.m., and any and all remaining at 8:00 p.m., if necessary.

Dated at Lewiston, Maine on November 9, 2011.

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ATTEST: _____
Kathleen M. Montejo, MMC
City Clerk