

EXHIBIT D



CITY COUNCIL MEETING STAFF REPORT

To: City Council
 From: Teri Swanson, City Clerk and Kay Kuhlmann, City Council Administrator
 Agenda Item No.: 10.F. Consider Action Related to Recall Petition Received for Council Member Dean Hove
 Meeting Date: July 12, 2021

Recommended Action – City Council is asked to take action related to Council Member Hove’s recall petition. The petition met the 20% of registered voters’ requirement. The two alternatives are to:

1. Pass a motion to decline calling a special recall election for Council Member Hove, or
2. Adopt Resolution No. 7666 calling for a special recall election. The attached resolution calls for a special recall election concerning Council Member Hove.

Attachments

1. Pages 16-18 of the City Charter - Recall
2. Resolution No. 7666

Background – Chapter 6, Sections 6.12 – 6.17 address the citizens’ right for recall of elected leaders. The recent effort seeks the recall of all seven City Council members.

- On April 9, 2021, seven Certification of Recall Committees were submitted and confirmed by the City Clerk to be registered voters representing the appropriate ward(s).
- On May 10, petitions from all seven recall efforts were returned to City Hall for counting. The City Clerk completed the verification count on Sunday, May 16, 2021, returning petitions that had irregularities. Section 6.13 of the Charter requires the petitions to include “a certificate identical with that filed with the clerical officer.” The certification on the recall petitions for Council Member Dean Hove (Wards 1 & 2) was different than the certificate filed with the clerical officer.

Of the seven recall initiatives, five recall efforts reached 20% of the registered voters for the appropriate ward(s).

Section 6.14 of the Red Wing City Charter provides for the recall committee to be given 10 days in which to file additional signature papers and to correct the petition in all other respects.

- On May 24, 2021, the City of Red Wing received recall petitions that did meet the Red Wing City Charter Section 6.14 Filing of Petition requirements related to the recall of Council Member Evan Brown from the office of City Council Wards 3 & 4; and Council Member Erin Buss from the office of City Council Ward 4.

