



# City of Columbia

701 East Broadway, Columbia, Missouri 65201

Department Source: Law

To: City Council

From: City Manager & Staff

Council Meeting Date: August 18, 2025

Re: Declaring the Results of the August 5, 2025 Special Election.

## Executive Summary

This resolution formally declares the results of the special election held on August 5, 2025 to elect a Ward 2 council member to fill the remainder of an unexpired term. The resolution on the Council agenda contains official results published by the County Clerk following the election.

## Discussion

Elected officials may take office at any time after the official election results are certified by the election authority, provided the minimum qualifications and all other preliminary requirements for being sworn into office have been met. Approval of the election results by Council is not a required step; however, it is traditional for the formal passage of a resolution declaring the election results to occur in order to create a permanent City record to track the outcome of an election. In addition, following adoption of the resolution, it is tradition for a formal public swearing in ceremony be conducted for the newly elected officials.

The official results show that on August 5, 2025, the following votes were cast for the Second Ward candidates appearing on the ballot:

### **Council Member, Second Ward**

Ken Rice	1,132
Vera Elwood	1,481

## Fiscal Impact

Short-Term Impact: None

Long-Term Impact: Unknown

## Strategic & Comprehensive Plan Impact

### Strategic Plan Impacts:

Primary Impact: Safe Community, Secondary Impact: Organizational Excellence, Tertiary Impact: Not Applicable

### Comprehensive Plan Impacts:

Primary Impact: Not Applicable, Secondary Impact: Not applicable, Tertiary Impact: Not Applicable



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## Legislative History

Date	Action
05/05/2025	<a href="#">R64-25</a> : Calling a special election to be held in Ward 2 of the City of Columbia on August 5, 2025, to elect a council member to fill the remainder of an unexpired term; establishing a filing period.

## Suggested Council Action

Adoption of the resolution.