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The manual recount of the votes from the Nov. 5 City bond/charter election was halted shortly after 12 p.m. today at the request of the petitioner. Approximately 600 of the 1,748 ballots had been hand counted.

Twenty-six people counted the votes starting at 9 a.m. The votes during the manual recount reflected similar margins as the results that were canvassed by council on Nov. 18.

The recount of the four bond propositions and the 12 charter propositions was requested by Philip Sanders. Sanders submitted a petition to Mayor Ken Shetter on Nov. 19. The signatures of 25 registered voters qualified to vote in the City's election were required. More than two dozen names were submitted. The petition was reviewed and approved by the mayor on Nov. 20.

Three out of four of the bond propositions passed Nov. 5. Proposition 1 for the issuance of \$12,840,000 tax bonds for street and public mobility improvements passed by 65.8 percent. Proposition 2 for the issuance of \$1,800,000 tax bonds for acquisition of public safety radio equipment passed by 65.3 percent. Proposition 3 for the issuance of \$5,000,000 tax bonds for police station facility acquisition and improvements passed by 67.6 percent. The only bond proposition to fail was Proposition 4, for the issuance of \$750,000 in tax bonds for economic development: Nola Dunn Gymnasium restoration. That proposition was voted down by 61.4 percent of the voters.

Of the 12 charter propositions, the approval rate ranged from 88.5 percent (Proposition #11/conflict of interest) to 63.3 percent (Proposition 2/city council).

Sanders was required to put down a \$300 deposit for the recount. He is also responsible for paying the 26 people who counted the ballots by hand. Counters were paid \$10 an hour.

To see the official results of the Nov. 5, 2013 bond/charter election, go to <http://tinyurl.com/pfek87b> on the City website. The City mailed out a four-page newsletter about the bond/charter election the first week in October. That newsletter is posted on the city website at <http://tinyurl.com/nbbcesy>.