

**DRAFT SPECIAL MEETING of the ROSS TOWN COUNCIL
ELECTION CERTIFICATION
THURSDAY, APRIL 25, 2024**

Held In-Person and Teleconference via Zoom

(Council Member Robbins will participate via Zoom from 3475 Padaro Lane, Carpinteria, CA)*

1. 9:18 a.m. Commencement.

Mayor Elizabeth Brekhus; Mayor Pro Tem Bill Kircher, Jr.; Council Members Julie McMillan, Elizabeth Robbins (via teleconference*); Town Manager Christa Johnson; Town Attorney Benjamin Stock; Absent: Council Member Beach Kuhl.

2. Posting of agenda/changes to agenda.

Town Manager Johnson reported that the agenda was posted according to government requirements, and there are no changes to the agenda.

3. Public Comments for Items on the Agenda – None.

4. Town Council adoption of Resolution No. 2406 certifying the results of the Presidential Primary Election held on March 5, 2024 which includes passage of Ordinance No. 723 amending Chapter 3.20 of the Ross Municipal Code to authorize the levy of a special tax to finance public safety services and authorizing an increase in the appropriations limit for the Town of Ross, which was submitted to the voters as Measure E, and the Town of Ross Council Member Election for three Town Council seats.

Town Clerk Cyndie Martel gave the staff report and overview of the request for the Town Council to adopt Resolution No. 2406, certifying the results of the Presidential Primary Election held on March 5, 2024 which includes passage of Ordinance No. 723 amending Chapter 3.20 of the Ross Municipal Code to authorize the levy of a special tax to finance public safety services and an increase in the appropriations limit for the Town of Ross, which was submitted to the voters as Measure E, and the Town of Ross Council Member Election for three Town Council seats.

Mayor Brekhus opened the public comment period, and there were no speakers.

Council Member McMillan moved and Mayor Pro Tem Kircher seconded, to adopt Resolution No. 2406 certifying the results of the Presidential Primary Election held on March 5, 2024 which includes passage of Ordinance No. 723 amending Chapter 3.20 of the Ross Municipal Code to authorize the levy of a special tax to finance public safety services and authorizing an increase in the appropriations limit for the Town of Ross, which was submitted to the voters as Measure E, and the Town of Ross Council Member Election for three Town Council seats. Motion carried unanimously (4-0-1).

5. Swearing-in ceremony for Teri Dowling, C. William (Bill) Kircher, Jr., and Mathew Salter as Ross Town Council Members.

Town Clerk Martel administered the Oath of Office to Teri Dowling, C. William (Bill) Kircher, Jr., and Mathew Salter as Ross Town Council Members.

New Council Members took their places at the dais.

6. Appointment of Mayor. (Mayor Pro Tempore)

Council Member McMillan moved and Council Member Dowling seconded, to appoint Mayor Pro Tem Kircher as Mayor. Motion carried unanimously (5-0).

7. Appointment of Mayor Pro Tempore. (Mayor)

Mayor Kircher asked for a motion for Julie McMillan for Mayor Pro Tem.

Council Member Robbins moved and Council Member Salter seconded, to appoint Council Member McMillan as Mayor Pro Tem. Motion carried unanimously (5-0).

8. Town Council adoption of Resolution Nos. 2402 and 2403 commending the outstanding service of Council Members Elizabeth Brekhus and Beach Kuhl.

Mayor Kircher read Resolution No. 2402 into the record commending the outstanding service of Council Member P. Beach Kuhl. He then read Resolution No. 2403 into the record commending the outstanding service of Council Member Elizabeth Brekhus. He then provided comments on outgoing Council Members, presented gifts, and thanked Council Members Brekhus and Kuhl for their service and welcomed new Council Members Teri Dowling and Mathew Salter.

Mayor Pro Tem McMillan moved and Council Member Dowling seconded, to adopt Resolution Nos. 2402 and 2402 commending the outstanding service of Council Members Elizabeth Brekhus and Beach Kuhl. Motion carried unanimously (5-0).

Mayor Pro Tem McMillan then read and presented two resolutions from the Marin County Board of Supervisors for retiring Council Members Brekhus and Kuhl. She added that serving on the Council for 12 years, plus special meetings and as Mayor and Mayor Pro Tem as well as many committees, both Council Members have attended over 500 meetings which equals about \$2.2 million worth of service to the Town of Ross and greater Marin County. A round of applause followed.

Mayor Kircher thanked Council Members Brekhus and Kuhl echoed his thanks and presented outgoing gifts.

Former Mayor Brekhus provided comments at the podium, recognized the great comradery, thanked staff and said it has been a pleasure serving the Town.

9. Town Council to make its appointments to Town Council Committees for Fiscal Year 2024-25.

Mayor Kircher announced that he would speak with individual Council Members to determine their interests in committee assignments and will bring his list back to the May 6, 2024 Council meeting for consideration and approval. In the meantime, the TAM Representative and Alternate representative needed to be voted in, as there was a TAM meeting that evening.

Council Member McMillan moved and Council Member Dowling seconded, to approve Council Member Teri Dowling as TAM Board Representative and Council Member Mathew Salter as TAM Alternate. Motion carried unanimously (5-0).

10. Adjournment.

The meeting adjourned at 10:04 a.m. to the Special Annual Budget Workshop Meeting, upon which a break was called by Mayor Kircher prior to calling to order the Special Budget Workshop Meeting.

ATTEST:

Cyndie Martel, Town Clerk

C. William Kircher, Jr., Mayor