

**CITY OF FALCON HEIGHTS
COUNCIL RESOLUTION**

February 10, 2016

No. 16-09

**RESOLUTION TO ENTER INTO A JOINT POWERS AGREEMENT FOR NEW
VOTING SYSTEM ACQUISITION AND OPERATION WITH RASMEY COUNTY**

WHEREAS, the County and the City of Falcon Heights entered into a Joint Powers Agreement in 2001 for the purchase and operation of a new voting system, with a ten year and automatic two year extensions; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the provisions of the 2001 Joint Powers Agreement, the County prepares ballots and compiles election results for all state, federal, county, municipal and school district elections for the Municipalities; and

WHEREAS, efficient ballot preparation and the timely compilation of election results depend upon the use of a uniform voting system throughout the County, and the use of a uniform voting system for all elections enhances election judge and voter understanding of the voting process and helps to provide equitable treatment for all voters, regardless of the type of election; and

WHEREAS, Congress mandated the use of a assistive ballot marking devices in all polling places and in-person absentee voting locations for use by voters with disabilities, through enactment of the Help America Vote Act of 2002 (“HAVA”); and

WHEREAS, the Minnesota Legislature mandated the central counting of all absentee ballots under uniform state laws and procedures in Laws of Minnesota 2010, Chapter 194, effective in 2010; and

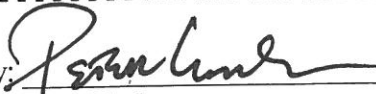
WHEREAS, the Parties have reached agreement on the need to replace the existing voting system and the funding formula for the new voting system; and

WHEREAS, the Ramsey County Board has approved a contract with Hart Intercivic of Austin, TX for the purchase and use of a new voting system for deployment in 2016;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of Falcon Heights, Minnesota:

1. Approve the Joint Powers Agreement for New Voting System Acquisition and Operation.
2. Amend the General-Capital Improvements Fund (401) to increase by \$15,000.
3. Authorize the Mayor and City Administrator to execute all necessary documents.

Moved by: Fischer

Approved by: 
Peter Lindstrom
Mayor

LINDSTROM 5 In Favor
BROWN THUNDER
HARRIS 2 Against
FISCHER
GUSTAFSON

Attested by: 
Sack Thongvanh
City Administrator