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REPORT TO THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL

FROM: Deborah Tuite, Deputy City Clerk
DATE: May 28, 2026
SUBJECT: Authorization for Use of Image Cast Electronic Ballot Counting Device Pursuant to RSA 656:40

Recommendation

Approve the attached resolution authorizing the City Clerk's Office and election officials to use ImageCast Electronic Ballot Counting devices within the City beginning with the State Primary Election to be held on Tuesday, September 8, 2026.

Discussion

CIP 673, as approved by City Council within the FY2026 budget appropriated funds to purchase new electronic ballot counting devices as approved by the New Hampshire Ballot Law commission for use within the City for all elections to be held beginning with the State Primary Election to be held September 8, 2026.

The City has purchased the ImageCast electronic ballot counting system serviced by LHS Associates for use in City elections. Pursuant to RSA 656:40, formal authorization by the Mayor and Aldermen is required prior to the system being used in regular or special elections.

Prior to purchase, staff reviewed the ImageCast system alongside the Voting Works system, the other election system approved for use in New Hampshire. Based on operational experience, customer support, ease of use, election administration capabilities, and long-term costs, staff determined the ImageCast system to be the best option for the City.

The ImageCast system utilizes paper ballots, which remain the official ballot of record and may be manually recounted if necessary. The system also provides continuity with equipment and

election procedures historically used in many New Hampshire communities and is supported by LHS Associates, a long-standing New Hampshire election vendor.

Staff requests that the Mayor and Members of City Council approve this resolution to ensure use of the new equipment within the City of Concord for all future elections to be held within the City until such time as new election equipment is purchased.