

Final sales-tax tally: 5,039 aye; 4,555 nay

The final count on Tuesday's special Rapid City election to extend a half-cent sales tax is complete.

A canvass of the vote Wednesday confirmed that voters decided to extend the tax once it pays off Rushmore Plaza Civic Center in the spring of 1995.

The final tally was 5,039 votes in favor of extending the tax and 4,555 votes against it.

Here is the breakdown of the vote:

Ward 1, southeast Rapid City

- Precinct 1: yes 165, no 181
- Precinct 2: yes 221, no 315
- Precinct 3: yes 359, no 439

Ward 2, east-central Rapid City

- Precinct 1: yes 403, no 323
- Precinct 2: yes 132, no 169
- Precinct 3: yes 373, no 205

Ward 3, southwest Rapid City

- Precinct 1: yes 166, no 135
- Precinct 2: yes 353, no 299
- Precinct 3: yes 496, no 354
- Precinct 4: yes 639, no 378

Ward 4, northeast Rapid City

- Precinct 1: yes 204, no 308
- Precinct 2: yes 208, no 309
- Precinct 3: yes 138, no 160
- Precinct 4: yes 55, no 63

Ward 5, northwest Rapid City

- Precinct 1: yes 223, no 159
- Precinct 2: yes 416, no 377
- Precinct 3: yes 488, no 381

The measure passed by a margin of 52.52 percent to 47.48 percent. It was approved by a majority of voters in Wards 2, 3 and 5.

A total of 9,594 of the city's 37,402 voters went to the polls for a turnout rate of slightly more than 25 percent.

The city plans to use the \$4 million the tax generates annually to build a \$20 million fund to help finance a variety of civic improvements.

Each project will have public and committee hearings and must have Rapid City Common Council approval before receiving any half-cent money.