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Voters approve amendments to Ramsey charter in big way

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Ramsey County voters overwhelmingly approved two amendments to the county charter in Tuesday's election.

which a person not elected by the voters can keep one of the jobs for nearly four years if death or resignation create a vacancy early in a term.

The amendments involve preservation of open space and the timing of elections when vacancies occur in two high-profile county jobs.

About 85 percent of voters supported an amendment that protects park land as pressure for economic development increases. The amendment requires that any park or other open space land converted to another use be replaced with an equal amount of land of similar quality.

About 82 percent of the voters supported an amendment involving vacancies during the four-year terms of the county sheriff and county attorney. The County Board appoints temporary replacements.

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The charter allowed an appointee to serve the remainder of the term. The amendment gives voters a chance to choose a replacement in the next general election; these are held every two years.

This prevents a situation in

