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# Historic Women's Victory

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Who would have predicted a year ago that the new Knoxville City Council would see four women, two being minorities, elected? Tuesday's General Election set a record in the total number of people casting ballots during an off-year election.

Currently the only woman on the council is Brenda Palmer and the only African-American is Daniel Brown, who served as mayor briefly between Bill Haslam's election as governor and Madeline Roger's election as mayor.

Counting those who voted Tuesday and in absentee and early votes, 11,735 people voted in a race the Election Commission was hoping to get at least 10,000 ballots cast. Tuesday's election permitted registered Knoxville voters in all districts to choose council members from five districts.



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*About 23 members of the Capt. Bill Robinson Chapter 1078 Vietnam Veterans Of America walked down Gay Street Friday to celebrate the service of U.S. military veterans in the city's annual Veterans Day Parade.*