

City of Ann Arbor

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Action Minutes

Tuesday, July 15, 2014

3:00 PM

City Hall, 2nd Floor, 301 E. Huron Street Council Work Room

Election Commission

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting of the City Election Commission was called to order by the City Clerk, Jacqueline Beaudry, at 3:00 p.m. in the City Council Work Room, 2nd Floor, City Hall, 301 E. Huron.

ROLL CALL

Members of the public and news media were in attendance.

Present 3 - Jacqueline Beaudry, Stephen Postema, and John Seto

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Postema, seconded by Seto, that the Agenda be Approved. On a voice vote, the Chair declared the motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

14-1153 City Election Commission Meeting Minutes - July 8, 2014

Attachments: 2014-07-8 Election Commission minutes

A motion was made by Seto, seconded by Postema, that the Minutes be Approved by the Commission and forwarded to the City Council by 8/18/2014. On a voice vote, the Chair declared the motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Third Ward Absentee Ballots - Update

City Clerk Jacqueline Beaudry and City Attorney Stephen Postema spoke about the status of the re-issuance of 392 absentee ballots in the Third Ward. City Clerk Beaudry stated that as of this date, 132 replacement or "second" ballots have been returned by the original 392 voters, leaving 260 of the original 392 still outstanding. Of those 260 voters, the City has 10 "first ballots," where voters have returned the first ballot, but have not yet returned the second ballot.

City Attorney Postema noted that the Michigan Secretary of State has filed a motion to intervene in the lawsuit as a defendant. The Secretary of State is arguing that any "first ballots" received by the City that are not replaced by Election Day with "second ballots" should be counted.

NEW BUSINESS

Appointment of Election Inspectors for the August 5, 2014 City Primary

A motion was made by Postema, seconded by Seto, that the proposed list of Election Inspectors for the August 5, 2014 Primary Election be Approved. The City Clerk noted that a secondary list of 26 potential Republican election inspectors had been identified. Because the City is still in need of additional Republican inspectors, staff was requesting that these people, who have not yet committed to work on Election Day, be approved by the Commission should they accept and can still be placed at a polling place. Election Commissioners concurred.

On a voice vote, the Chair declared the motion carried and all appointments approved.

INFORMATION/UPCOMING BUSINESS

City Clerk Jacqueline Beaudry reminded the Election Commission and those in attendance that the City's public testing of the voting equipment would be held on Friday, July 25 at 10:00 a.m. An update regarding the Third Ward ballots would also be provided again at this time.

PUBLIC COMMENTARY

Edward Vielmetti, City resident, spoke about the Third Ward ballots and asked if the public was provided an opportunity to examine the ballot proofs.

City Clerk Jacqueline Beaudry responded noting that the City and the candidates were provided proofs that included Mr. Dascola's name. She stated after the City approved the ballots, the County Clerk's Office made changes, or directed their vendor to make changes, and those changes resulted in the omission of Mr. Dascola's name. The City was unaware that the changes had been made after proofing, said Beaudry.

ADJOURNMENT

Seeing no further business before the Commission, the Chair declared the meeting adjourned at 3:23 p.m.