

City of Ann Arbor

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Action Minutes

Friday, July 25, 2014

10:00 AM

Guy C. Larcom Municipal Building, City Hall, 301 E. Huron, 2nd
Floor, Council Work Room

Election Commission

CALL TO ORDER

City Clerk Jacqueline Beaudry called the meeting of the Election Commission to order at 10:01 a.m. in the City Council Work Room, 2nd Floor, City Hall, 301 E. Huron.

Mary Fales, Assistant City Attorney and Jennifer Alexa, Deputy City Clerk, were also in attendance.

ROLL CALL

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. City Clerk Beaudry requested that the commissioners allow the deputy clerk to begin printing the zero tapes for the upcoming public accuracy test because the tapes are very lengthy and take some time to print. Commissioners agreed.

On a voice vote, the chair declared the motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

14-1176 City Election Commission Meeting Minutes of July 15, 2014

Attachments: 2014-07-15 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 updated the Commission on the status of the Third Ward absentee ballots that were reissued. She stated a second letter was sent to the ten voters who have returned only a first ballot letting them know of the Court's decision not to count votes in the Third Ward and urging them to return the replacement ballot or contact the City Clerk if they no longer have the replacement ballot.

Beaudry stated 218 letters were also sent to the remaining voters of the original 392 who have not yet returned either ballot. This letter clearly explained that voters should vote the new ballot and return it in the new envelope, both numbered with a number higher than 4000.

Currently overall return of absentee ballots citywide is at 45% said Beaudry.

NEW BUSINESS

Public Test of the Voting Equipment to be Used on August 5, 2014

Jennifer Alexa, Deputy City Clerk, began the public test. The absent voter count board tabulators were used for the test and ballots from precincts 2-7, 2-9, 3-3 and 3-9 were tested. The test included a demonstration that the misprinted ballots from Ward 3 could not be tabulated by the City's voting machines. Beaudry explained that the ballot was reprogrammed and the old ballots were no longer readable.

Deputy City Clerk Jennifer Alexa and Assistant City Attorney Mary Fales were present for the entire test.

INFORMATION/UPCOMING BUSINESS

City Attorney Postema requested that the Election Commission meet one final time before the Election. Beaudry stated the next meeting would be scheduled for Friday, August 1 at 10:30 a.m.

PUBLIC COMMENTARY

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Following the conclusion of the public test, the meeting adjourned at 12:20 p.m.