<u>Feb. 1, 2010</u> <u>Minutes</u>

<u>Present:</u> Chairman Jack Stewart, Ana Rodriguez, John Goggins, Mary Anne Dube, David Rushford

At 5 PM, Chairman Stewart called the meeting to order and lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance. City Clerk David Rushford called the role.

<u>Street Listing 2010 Update</u>-City Clerk Rushford then informed the commission on the progress of the street listing for 2010. He explained to the board that bids from vendors have a Feb. 10, 2010 deadline. Discussion followed regarding the inclusion of return postage. Library boxes and the city website will again be used for completed listings.

<u>Special State Election--</u>Mr. Rushford reported that 205 people who were given a provisional ballot at the Jan. 19 Special Election were found to be ineligible to vote. 27 were added to the list of certified voters. All ballots from military personnel were received by electionday. An estimated 45% of eligible Worcester voters cast ballots in the special election.

John Goggins motioned to certify the election results, and Ana Rodriguez seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

<u>New Business-</u>Per requested by Chairman Stewart, Mr. Rushford presented the commissioners with a copy of the laws regarding the selection and duties of Election Officers. Discussion followed.

He also shared letters sent to the Chairs of the two major political parties in the city regarding political party appointments of poll workers. Discussion followed regarding the possibility of splitting shifts of poll workers, should the need arise. This matter was tabled for future discussion.

Mr. Rushford informed the commission of a complaint sent to the City Manager's Office by a voter at the Shaws Supermarket Voting Poll. After discussion, Ms. Rodriguez filed a motion to request funding for sensitivity training for poll workers when budget hearings begin. John Goggins seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. Chairman Stewart requested that Fran Monocchio be invited to our next meeting to discuss the complaint.

John Goggins asked the commission to consider finding alternate sites for voting in Ward 9, Precincts 4 and 5. This item was held for the next meeting.

Next Meeting-March 1, 2010, 5:30PM

At 5:50 Ana Rodriguez motioned for adjournment. John Goggins seconded.

Goggins made a motion to certify the seventh place finisher in the November 2007 election, Calvin Hill. Ms. Dube seconded.

The vote to certify the candidate was unanimous.

The commissioners voted to adjourn the meeting

The next meeting will be January 11, 2010 at 5:00 PM.