

Board of Election Commissioners Meeting

Monday, June 22, 2020

6:30 p.m.

(VIRTUAL MEETING)

Esther Howland Chamber, City Hall

Call to Order by the Chairperson

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

Approval of the Minutes of the June 10th Meeting

New Business

- 1. Discussion concerning relocating Ward 1 – Precinct 2 polling location. The current location is at the Willows, 101 Barry Rd, Worcester, MA 01609.**

Adjournment:

Next Meeting Date:

Election Commission Meeting- June 10, 2020

Chairperson Commissioner Kimberly Vanderspek
Vice Chairperson Commissioner Winifred Octave
Commissioner John Stewart
Commissioner Danaah McCallum
Commissioner Richard Duffy

City Clerk Nikolin Vangjeli

Call to Order by the Chairperson Commissioner Vanderspek

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call 5 Yeas and 0 Nays

Approval of the Minutes- The Board of Election Commissioners hereby approves the minutes of the Election Commissioners Meeting of May 20, 2020, Roll Call 5 Yeas and 0 Nays.

New Business

1. Chairperson Vanderspek recognized the City Clerk who spoke concerning the Item. The City Clerk stated that City Council requested the Board of Election Commissioners hold a public hearing to discuss the upcoming election procedures. The City Clerk also spoke concerning the legislation thus far, along with Early Voting dates.

Chairperson Vanderspek recognized Commissioner Stewart who stated he approved the language, along with having a hearing. Chairperson Vanderspek recognized Commissioner McCallum who also supported the request for a public hearing. She also recommended that the hearing take place after the legislation has been passed.

Chairperson Vanderspek recognized Commissioner Stewart who motioned to have a public hearing. The motion at this time didn't was on hold. Chairperson Vanderspek recognized Commissioner Duffy who wanted to add a condition to the motion, stating, he wanted to speak with the community prior to speaking with the City Council.

Chairperson Vanderspek recognized Commissioner Stewart who stated he wanted the City Manager to add Constables in replace of some of the Police presence of Election Day during the public hearing. He mentioned he would like to hear from the community.

Chairperson Vanderspek recognized Commissioner McCallum who spoke concerning the Item. Commissioner McCallum recommend that we add this topic as a separate motion.

Roll Call (for public hearing): 4 Yeas and 1 Nay

Second Motion to replace Police with Constables on Election Day, Roll Call: 2 Yeas and 3 Nays.
Motion Failed based on Roll Call votes.

Old Business

1. Chairperson Vanderspek recognized the City Clerk who spoke concerning the Item. The City Clerk discussed the processes of preparing and setting up for Election Day. He also mentioned the big part that the Parks department has in the preparation process.

Chairperson Vanderspek recognized the City Clerk who discussed the training of poll workers, and the process of transferring this over to remote training for the upcoming elections.

2. Chairperson Vanderspek recognized the City Clerk who shared the dates for the Early Voting Season.
3. Skipped Over.
4. Chairperson Vanderspek recognized the City Clerk who spoke concerning the Item. The City Clerk recommended that they hold a public hearing to discuss the change of polling locations. Chairperson Vanderspek recognized Commissioner McCallum who state she would like to see polling locations taken out of elderly housing during this period of time due to Covid-19.

Chairperson Vanderspek recognized Commissioner Stewart who spoke concerning a previous Item. Commissioner Stewart requested information on previously incarcerated people and their ability to vote in schools. Chairperson Vanderspek recognized Commissioner McCallum who wanted to know why all of the polling locations are not in schools.

Chairperson Vanderspek recognized Commissioner Stewart who inquired on the form of communication Mr. Vangjeli had with the state inquiring about previously incarcerated people, and voting in schools. Chairperson Vanderspek recognized the City Clerk who stated the conversations where via the phone.

Chairperson Vanderspek recognized the City Clerk who spoke concerning the Item. The Chairperson also recognized Commissioner Stewart who recommended the Main South CDC as a polling location. The City Clerk stated he would meet Commissioner Stewart at the CDC to tour the location, if the location was open to allowing them in their space.

5. Chairperson Vanderspek recognized the City Clerk who spoke concerning the Item. He stated that the Elections office is communicating with the poll workers, and creating a plan for Election Day.

The first Public Hearing will take place on July 1, 2020 and the second Public Hearing will take place on July 8, 2020, Roll Call: 5 Yeas and 0 Nays.

Motion to Adjourn, Roll Call: 5 Yeas and 0 Nays.