

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF ELECTIONS

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2022

4:00 PM

VIRTUAL MEETING

MINUTES

1. Call to Order

- The meeting was called to order at 4:03 p.m. All members of the Board were present. Also present were City Clerk Reams and City Attorney Cornbrooks.

2. Remembrance in Honor of Mayor Ward

- The Board held a moment of silence in honor of Mayor Kevin Ward.

3. Election of Chair and Recordkeeper

- Chair Peters was elected at the previous meeting. Erin Payne volunteered to serve as the Recordkeeper and was approved unanimously.

4. Motion to Close

- Board Member Mosher moved that the Board of Supervisors of Elections close the Election Board meeting of February 1, 2022 in order to receive legal advice from the City Attorney regarding the Mayoral vacancy. Member Pineda seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously.

This meeting was closed under General Provisions Art. § 3-305(b) (7) to consult with counsel to obtain legal advice.

The Board went into closed session with Clerk Reams and City Attorney Cornbrooks at 4:16 PM. The Board discussed with the City Attorney the requirements of the City Charter pertaining to filling a vacancy in the office of Mayor.

There was no action taken by the Board during the closed session and the closed session was adjourned at 4:40 p.m. on a unanimous vote of the Board. The Board then returned to open session for the remainder of the meeting.

5. Discussion of Special Election and Recommendation to City Council

- The Board discussed the timing requirements needed for a special Vote-by-Mail recommendation and determined that additional time was required beyond the 75 days in the City Charter. The Board then discussed making a recommendation to the City Council to adjust the timeframe to 140 days in order to be able to conduct a special Vote-by-Mail election. Clerk Reams was directed to draft a letter on behalf of the Board to the City Council and work with the City Attorney on the necessary legal requirements to provide the additional time. There was also a brief discussion regarding contacting the necessary vendors to start planning the election.

~~6. Update on Campaign Finance from 2021 elections~~

7. New Business

- There was no new business.

8. Adjournment

- The meeting adjourned at 5:14 PM