



**Board of Supervisors of Elections
Minutes
Black Eyed Susan Conference Room
Monday, August 26, 2019 6:00 p.m.**

Closed Session Summary

Present:

Chair Lois Neuman, Boardmembers Stephen Weiner, Robert Kurnick, Sofya Orlosk
Boardmember Graham Johnson attended the meeting by phone.

The Board of Supervisors of Elections met in Closed Session on Monday, August 26, 2019, at 6:00 p.m. in the Black- Eyed Susan Conference Room, City Hall, 111 Maryland Avenue, Rockville, Maryland.

Staff:

City Attorney Debra Daniel, Senior Assistant City Attorney Eliot Schaefer, City Clerk/Director of Council Operations Sara Taylor-Ferrell, and Election Specialist Judy Penny.

Motion: to go into Closed Session to vote on motion pursuant to Sections 3-305(b)(7) of the General Provisions Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland to consult with counsel to obtain legal advice.

Boardmember Kurnick made the motion to convene in Closed Session, seconded by Boardmember Orlosky, and passed unanimously.

Present in the closed session were all five members of the Board and the staff as listed above.

The Board obtained legal advice regarding proposed changes to Chapter 8 of the Rockville City Code entitled "Elections."

Motion: to adjourn the closed session.

Boardmember Orlosky made the motion to adjourn the closed session, seconded by Boardmember Kurnick, and passed unanimously.

The Closed Session adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

Boardmember Johnson left the meeting by phone at 6:30 p.m.

Open Meeting Minutes

The Board reconvened into Open Session at 6:30 p.m. and welcomed all those present.

The Board discussed two draft ordinances to amend Chapter 8; a draft ordinance adding language to Chapter 8 to address ballot collecting and a draft ordinance deleting language related to aggregate limits on campaign contributions.

Motion: to recommend to the Mayor and Council that the language related to the issue of ballot collection not be added to the Code.

Boardmember Weiner, seconded by Boardmember Orlosky and approved unanimously.

Motion: to recommend to Mayor and Council to delete the last sentence of 8-78(d) of the election Code regarding aggregate limits on campaign contributions.

Boardmember Kurnick, seconded by Boardmember Weiner and approved unanimously.

Approval of Minutes

Motion: To approve minutes for July 23, 2019 as amended.

Moved by Boardmember Kurnick, seconded by Boardmember Orlosky, and approved.
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Motion: To approve minutes for August 6, 2019 as amended.

Moved by Boardmember Orlosky, seconded by Boardmember Weiner, and approved.
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Questions to the Board

There were no questions to the Board.

Work Plan – Communication

The Board reviewed the layout of the 4th election postcard mailer, this will be mailed out to Rockville registered voters the week of September 16th.

Additional election update information and reminders will be added to the September edition of the Rockville Reports and the City's webpage. Election reminders will be inserted into utility billings and as school pack back stuffer.

Negotiations are ongoing regarding distribution of election information at bike shares around the City and the City is not able to post at Metro stops.

The City implemented a City Text Alert for election updates, 250 responded for sign up.

Boardmember Orlosky asked the question whether we are able to spray election decals on sidewalks. Ms. Berg responded that she would check into it.

Work Plan / Staff Report – Outreach

USPS will be at City Hall on Sept. 7 for Candidate orientation. They will setup an information booth and help the candidates with mailer information.

Two extra flood lights will be installeds in the parking lot for election night.

Parking enforcement will secure parking spaces in upper parking lot and on the street for voters on Election day.

The Town Center Library display will be ready by Thursday.

Staff will continue to contract Assisting Nursing Homes Facilities and Home Owner Associations to schedule visits.

Staff will continue to post election banners and materials at apartment developments.

Variable signs will be stations at Rt 355 and Viers Mill Rd, Md Rt 28 and Nelson St., Maryland Ave. and Potomac Valley Rd, and E. Jefferson and Maryland Ave.

Boardmember Orlosky asked for outreach time slot signup sheet; Ms. Penny will provide to the Board.

Certification of Candidates

Motion: to certify the candidacy of Matthew Perkins for Councilmember.

Moved by Boardmember Weiner, seconded by Boardmember Orlosky, and approved.
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Old/New Business

There was no old/new business.

Future Meeting

Friday, Sept. 6, - BSE Meeting (7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.)
Saturday, Sept. 7, - Campaign Finance Training - (1:00- 3:00 p.m.)
Monday, Sept. 9, Mayor and Council Meeting - (7:00 p.m.)
Wednesday, Sept. 25, - BSE Meeting (6:00-8:00 p.m.)
Thursday, Oct. 10, - BSE Meeting (6:00-8:00 p.m.)
Wednesday, Oct. 16, - BSE Meeting (6:00-8:00 p.m.)
Wednesday, Oct. 23, - BSE Meeting (6:00-8:00 p.m.)
Friday, Nov. 1, - BSE Meeting (6:00-8:00 p.m.)
Tuesday, Nov. 5, - Election Day (6:30 a.m.)

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:54 p.m.

Motion: to adjourn.

Motion to adjourn was moved by Boardmember Weiner, seconded by Boardmember Kurnick, and approved.
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