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VIRTUAL MEETING

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF ELECTIONS
Minutes

The Regular Virtual Meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Elections of the City of Annapolis held on July 16, 2020. Chair Leahy called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Present: Chair Leahy, Member Cuffie and Member Myers
Staff Present: City Clerk Watkins-Eldridge, Assistant City Attorney Leonard

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – June 18, 2020

Member Cuffie moved to approve the June 18, 2020 meeting minutes. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

DISCUSSION

Election Year Calendar

Topics discussed:

Primary Election Dates

Incorporating the proposed dates submitted by member Myers into the proposed 2021 City of Annapolis Municipal Election Calendar containing the related City Code Sections.

MOU Meeting:

Chair Leahy gave a brief update on topics discussed during the City of Annapolis 2021 Election Kickoff Meeting Wednesday, July 8, 2020 at 10:00 am Virtual Meeting with the representatives from the Anne Arundel County Board of Elections. Joe Torre, David Garreis and Assistant City Attorney Leonard.

Topics Discussed at the MOU Meeting included:

2021 City of Annapolis Municipal Elections Calendar

Primary Election Dates

Voting by Mail Topics – e.g. additional expenses, video coverage for drop boxes.

Redline items in the Proposed Memorandum of Understanding between the Anne Arundel County Board of Elections, and the City of Annapolis Regarding the City of Annapolis 2021 Primary and General Elections.

Holding the 2021 Election while we are in a State of Emergency

Election Judges

Assistant City Attorney Leonard provided a brief update on the discrepancies between the City Code and State

Election Laws as revised in DRAFT Exhibit C dated 7.16.20.

MOU Review

BOSE asked for further revisions concerning the section on vote-by-mail and the determination of the number of election judges in Annapolis elections.

Election Office – Discussion with City Attorney:

Chair Leahy gave the board a recap of her phone conversation with City Attorney Lyles, Assistant City Attorney Leonard and City Clerk Watkins-Eldridge were also in the meeting.

Topics discussed:

Election Office Location

Funding

Part Time Staffing – Monday-Thursday from 9:00 am – 2:00 pm (5 hours a day)

The Installation of a Service Window

The need for an additional desk

The use of the hallway for customer service

Updates to election page

Use of drop box – front door of city hall

COVID-19 Guidelines and Implementation

City Website – Elections

Chair Leahy requested Member Cuffie and City Clerk Watkins-Eldridge work together to update the website.

Candidate Handbook and Training – 2021 Election

Member Cuffie is working on this initiative and expects to have drafts ready in September. She will be working with City Clerk Watkins-Eldredge to include forms etc. Will also include the updated Campaign Fund Report.

Election Associate - Assistant City Attorney Leonard will create a contract to provide services on a part time basis to staff the election office.

Legislation - Referral of CA-2-20 Primary Election:

The Board discussed the Charter Amendment.

Member Cuffie moved to oppose CA-2-20. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

Chair Leahy on behalf of the Board will create a letter containing the Boards response to the City Council regarding Charter Amendment CA-2-20.

Chair Leahy agreed to attend the Monday, July 27, 2020 City Council Meeting to deliver the board's response to the City Council's referral of CA-2-20.

Campaign Fund Reports – Received:

List:

A. Republican Central Committee

Eleanor M. Tierney
Friends of Fred Paone
Friends of Gavin Buckley
Friends of Julie Mussog
George Michael Gallagher
Rhonda Pindell Charles
Rob Savidge
Ross Arnett III
Sheila M. Finlayson
A. Democratic Central Committee

AMENDED Campaign Fund Reports Received:

John “Bumper” Moyer 6.24.19 – 6.30-19
Friends of Yiannes 6.24.19 – 6.30.19

Outstanding Campaign Fund Reports:

DaJuan Gay
Friends of John “Bumper” Moyer
Marc Rodriguez for Annapolis

Chair Leahy asked Member Myers to audit the Campaign Fund Reports to which he agreed.

Member Cuffie moved to send a letter pursuant to City Code Sec. 4.44.100 - Reporting deadlines—Failure to file to Mr. Gay, Mr. Rodriguez, as for Mr. Moyer the Board requested a letter along with the Affidavit of Candidate and Treasurer Limiting Campaign Contributions and Expenditures form. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

Other

Political Committees – Annapolis Coalition of Black Progressive

Chair Leahy stated the Annapolis Coalition of Black Progressive did not provide a July 1, 2020 Campaign Finance Report due to their report that they were not yet active in the City of Annapolis. Due to their current activity about calling for a Special Election in Ward 5, a letter will be sent to them informing them of the need for them to register as a political action committee pursuant to City Code Section **4.44.030 (A) (B) – Political Committee Chair and Treasurer.**

Sec. 7. - Vacancies.

(a) The following procedure for the filling of vacancies shall apply whenever a vacancy shall occur with less than fifteen (15) months remaining until the next general election at which members of the city council shall be elected.

(1) In case of the death, resignation, refusal to serve, disqualification of the mayor or of any alderman/alderwoman, or removal out of the city by the mayor, or out of the ward, by any alderman/alderwoman, the mayor or acting mayor shall give written notice of the vacancy, within five (5) business days, to the chairman of the city central committee of the political party to which the person vacating was registered with the board of supervisors of elections at the time of election.

The discussed the date when a vacancy shall occur with less than fifteen (15) months remaining until the next general election.

Member Myers moved to make the date to start period of the within (15) months remaining until the next general election would be Monday, August 3, 2020. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

Member Myers also moved to approve the following dates as part of the proposed 2021 City of Annapolis Municipal Election Calendar: Monday, September 7, 2020 – Labor Day and Monday, November 2, 2020 as the Deadline for being registered to vote in the City for Aldermanic Candidate. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

ADJOURNMENT

Member Cuffie move to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 8:21 p.m.

Regina C. Watkins-Eldridge, MMC
City Clerk