

EAST PROVIDENCE CANVASSING AUTHORITY MEETING

DATE July 30, 2020 1:00 PM CONFERENCE ROOM A

EAST PROVIDENCE CITY HALL

145 TAUNTON AVENUE

EAST PROVIDENCE, RI 02914

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m. in Conference Room A Thursday July 30, 2020 by Chairman, Peter Barilla for the purpose of acceptance of minutes from Brian Coogan appeal on July 8, 2020.

Present were: Peter Barilla, Chairman, Elizabeth Pegg, Clerk, Nicholas Oliver, Member, Leslie Shattuck Moore, Canvassing Administrator, Samantha Burnett, City Clerk who conducted virtually through an application called, "Zoom", A motion made by Nicholas Oliver to accept the minutes from Brian Coggan's appeal on July 8, 2020 seconded by Elizabeth Pegg. Motion carried 3-0.

Nicholas Oliver, Elizabeth Pegg, and Peter Barilla expressed special thanks to Samantha Burnett, City Clerk for compiling the minutes of the July 8, 2020 Brian Coogan appeal, also to Leslie and Michael Marcello, City Solicitor for assistant us with that process.

Chairman Barilla read number 4 on the agenda, Certify November 3, 2020 Ballot Question, Shall the East Providence City Charter Commission both elected and appointed members shall be established every eight (8) years, and asked if the board members had the opportunity to read it before today.

Nicholas stated since we have the Assistant Solicitor, joining us by Zoom perhaps Dylan can provide us with the summary as to the Development of this Charter Amendment then I have some questions about how it was proposed. The Assistant Solicitor asked if someone would send me a copy of the language that was presented including my performance. Dylan stated he was rolled into this meeting about 45 minutes ago. In general terms the development of as I understand it of this amendment was worked through the Council at the course of several Council meetings. A meeting at the Mayor's office had input in some of the language development, I was not present at those Council meetings outside the speaker. That is my understanding how it was developed. Several dates effectively and generally agreed upon the compromise proposal among the council themselves and between the Council and the Mayor's office.

Nicholas asked Dylan for clarification of section 13-8 and general provisions, one of 2 sections is reserved for the proposed amendment, and what is being asked of the voters. Nicholas also

stated 13-4 is also listed as reserved in the charter. Nicholas asked, "What are these reserved sections of the Charter?" Dylan presented his response in detail. This question and answering summary continued between Nicholas and Dylan for several minutes to which Nicholas asked if this amendment can be sent back to the Council to include adding a second paragraph to the Development of the Explanation in the Charter Amendment so as the voters can further have clarification as to what is being expected of them to vote on. As it stands the Council is responsible for the language.

Chairman Peter Barilla and asked if there was any more discussion to the charter. He asked for a motion to accept the Proposed Charter Amendment. A motion made by Elizabeth Pegg, Clerk to accept the Proposed Charter Amendment as written. Nicholas Oliver disagreed with the motion and declined to vote. He stated there was a need for more information. Chairman Peter Barilla disagreed and second the motion. Nicholas interjected and stated "Mr. Chairman, you are out of order, and not allowed to second the motion." Dylan Conley, Assistant City Solicitor intervened and stated according to Robert Rules, at this time it was appropriate for Mr. Barilla to second the motion. He couldn't make the motion. Motion carried 2-0.

Leslie, BOC Administrator presented the board with a list of 9 locations for the September 8, 2020 Primary election and have combined some as well, along with a list of polling place addresses.

Leslie also discussed the part time Clerk for the Canvassing Office. She stated 60 applicants applied and they would be narrowed down to 30 through the Human Resource Office, then narrowed down to the top 5. She would like to have one of the BOC members sit in on the interview. August 30, 2020 will be the deadline. A decision will be made at a later time as to which board member would sit in on the final interview.

Since there was no further business Chairman Barilla at 2:20 p.m. asked for a motion to adjourn. Motion carried 3-0.

Respectfully Submitted,

Elizabeth Pegg, Clerk