

EAST PROVIDENCE CANVASSING AUTHORITY MEETING

DATE August 18, 2020 3:00 pm CONFERENCE Room A

East Providence City Hall

145 TAUNTON AVENUE

EAST PROVIDENCE, RI 02914

The meeting was called to order at 3:00 p.m. on Tuesday August 18, 2020 in Conference Room A by Chairman Peter Barilla for the purpose of voting for Final Canvassing and Correction of District list of voters.

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".

Chairman Barilla stated the reason for this meeting is to vote on the final Canvassing and Correction of the District list of voters and "This is the list "unless somebody wants to go through them I will entertain a motion that we make a to accept the list. Chairman Barilla reiterated that he did not have to leave his seat to vote and that he could second the motion. Elizabeth Pegg made a motion to accept the list. Nicholas Oliver stated he was not prepared to second, he had a question. Chairman Barilla asked if there was any discussion. Nicholas Oliver asked Leslie, the list that you had of all the returned mail applications from the last Presidential Preference Primary election, has all of them been processed through your office? Lesley replied, No, we are working on that. Nicholas again asked, then how do we know if that list for us is the accurate voter roll from the City of East Providence, Lesley replied, even if those voters became inactive the voters would be able to go and vote unless something happens that they weren't.

Chairman Barilla stated, "So we are voting on this list as it was presented by the clerk. Nicholas stated he had no further question.

Chairman Barilla stated all in favor. Let's have a roll call vote. Elizabeth stated, aye Nicholas stated he had concerns about how clean was the voter roll list, and noted my vote is not a reflection of the work that the staff about the concerns of the process in the lack of the systems from the Secretary of State especially when the our president identified these issues in 2017 and our Secretary of State refused her help and I vote "NO" Chairman Barilla voted yea. Motion carried 2-0.

Chairman Barilla asked if anyone wanted to bring anything for discussion under the Law Section 42-46-6. Nicholas asked for a question of the two outstanding issues from the last

meeting. One was a polling place in Riverside there that was still a question, and then the question of hiring under 8.5 FTE in the Canvassing Office. . Lesley reported she will be meeting with Tony Viola to look at Orlo in case Rumford Towers backs out. Orlo has a handicap to get into the gym and that is in Ward 1, she also will go down to Waddington, if it seems is too small for the circumference then we can move the Terrace people to Riverside Middle School.

Lesley also stated she had 76 applications and she has to download all these applications and resume. However, she will see if Human Resources will download them and send them to her so we can go through them. Peter has agreed to go through some of them with me. If anyone of you wants to go through them as well, you're welcomed, it's totally up to you. Chairman Barilla asked Lesley, "How long do you want to put this person on board?" Lesley stated as soon as possible, Chairman Barilla stated, that is why I was willing to come in and sit with you. Lesley stated if all three of you want to come in you have to let me know because I have to post it as a meeting because you're all going to be here. The problem I have is, City Hall offices is on watch here. Human Resources happens to be on watch. They are only here 3 days doing 5 days of work. I have to wait for Jen who is in charge of Canvassing to come back and see if she can print out these resumes for me and as soon as I have them in hand I can let you know and the three of you can come in and go through them.

Nicholas stated I mean that as an offering to help you, I think we agreed at the last meeting that will be different if was to fill the vacancy of your successor, but because of that is somebody you supervised it does not have to be an open meeting that we all have to gather once.

Lesley asked Nicholas, since you seem to be concerned about the polling place in Riverside, Do you want me to find out when Tony will be meeting with me and to see if you would be available to meet. Is this something you want to check out as well? Nicholas replied "No "my concern wasn't so much the space as it was proximity to the precinct in which the voters reside. I think when we put out a notice, they notify folks that there are actually their polling places outside of their precinct. Lesley stated probably that would not go out until September for the November election. She also stated Crescent Park Manor does not have a primary. That's not District 18 Nicholas stated, Lesley stated no, it is Senate, 32, and Nicholas stated, As far as Rumford Towers, Lesley stated she will speak to them again in September or Peter will go by again to ask them, but they were a little iffy in November so my back-up is Orlo the only place I can use which is in Ward 1. Nicholas again stated, given the population of Rumford Towers that there will be a primary and he wanted to make sure that folks know they were not downstairs. Lesley stated they know, they were inundated with them to doing mail ballots.

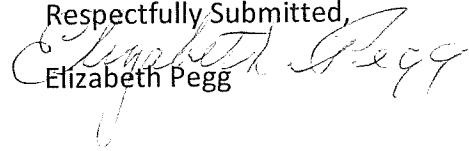
Lesley stated she also let Councilman Brito know because he gets a lot of phone calls from them so I let him know that people there were not happy and they thought it was the Board of Canvasses and, I explained that it was not. They passed the word and knew it was management firmly that didn't want to have anything there. Lesley stated hopefully they will hear the concerns by the residents and change their minds in November.

There were continuously ongoing questions and concerns by Nicholas to which Lesley replied.

Chairman Barilla interjected and asked, "How did we leave with the applications for the part-time person? With much discussion, Lesley stated, when I receive the applications I will take from there. Chairman Barilla stated it will be him and Lesley.

Chairman Barilla asked for a motion to adjourn. Motion carried 3-0 The meeting adjourned at 3: 50 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,


Elizabeth Pegg