



## Board of Elections and Registrations

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### Muscogee County Board of Elections and Registration August 18, 2022 Minutes

The monthly meeting for the Muscogee County Board of Elections and Registration was held Thursday, August 18<sup>th</sup> Vice-Chairperson Uhland Roberts called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. minutes were excused. Board approved motion to excuse Linda Parker from meeting. Chair Margaret Jenkins attended the meeting via telephone because of illness.

#### Comments:

- **Audit** – Vice Chair UD Roberts discussed considering an audit of one precinct for the November election. It will be discussed again at a later meeting.

#### New Business:

- **VR Report**- Delayed until September 1<sup>st</sup> meeting.
- **General Elections Information**-
  - **Charter Review Draft Questions**- a draft of the wording for the ballot on the proposed charter amendments was presented to the board for review.
  - **Early Voting Times/Locations**- Reviewing the downtown Columbus State early voting location. Board to discuss on September 1<sup>st</sup>

#### Old Business:

- **Redistricting/Reapportionment Update**- See packet
- **Precinct Cards** – to be requested for mailing prior to the November general election.
- **Poll Worker Training**- Will begin September 6<sup>th</sup> through September 23<sup>rd</sup>. Each class will be by precinct. Board discussed de-escalation training for precinct managers. Will discuss at the September 1<sup>st</sup> meeting.

**Correspondence: Kiosk** – Election information will appear on the kiosks set up by Parks and Recreation at various locations.

**Guest:** Public Forum

No further business Vice-Chair, Uhland Roberts, adjourned the meeting at 2:54 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Uhland Roberts  
Vice-Chairperson

**Article IV-Proposed Charter Amendment**

Charter sections amended:

**Chapter 2. The Mayor.**

Sec. 4-201. Powers and Duties.

**Chapter 6. Boards, Commissions and Authorities Functions.**

Sec. 4-610 Personnel Review Board.

Sec. 4-624 Board of Tax Assessors.

For approval of the change in the existing charter of the City of Columbus to make clarifications in the language of certain Charter provisions pertaining to the Mayor, and the Personnel Review Board and to allow Council to set the term of members of the Board of Tax Assessors within the range permitted by state law.

Against approval of the change in the existing charter of the City of Columbus to make clarifications in the language of certain Charter provisions pertaining to the Mayor, and the Personnel Review Board and to allow Council to set the term of members of the Board of Tax Assessors within the range permitted by state law.

( ) For Approval

( ) Against Approval

**Article V-Proposed Charter Amendment**

Charter sections amended:

**Chapter 5 Municipal Court.**

Sec. 5-402. Jurisdiction-Municipal Court

**Chapter 6 Recorder's Court.**

Sec. 5-603 Appointment of recorders and recorders pro tem.

Sec. 5-604 Term; Qualification; compensation.

Sec. 5-605 Rules; procedures; personnel.

For approval of the change in the existing charter of the City of Columbus to make certain Charter provisions pertaining to Municipal Court and Recorder's Court consistent with State Law.

Against approval of the change in the existing charter of the City of Columbus to make certain Charter provisions pertaining to Municipal Court and Recorder's Court consistent with State Law.

For Approval

Against Approval

### **Article VI- Proposed Charter Amendment**

Charter sections amended:

Sec. 6-100. Regular Elections; time for holding voting.

Sec. 6-201. Special Elections.

For approval of the change in the existing charter of the City of Columbus to make certain Charter provisions pertaining to the timing of Regular and Special Elections consistent with State Law.

Against approval of the change in the existing charter of the City of Columbus to make certain Charter provisions pertaining to the timing of Regular and Special Elections consistent with State Law.

For Approval

Against Approval

### **Article VII-Chapter 4 Charter Amendment**

Charter sections amended:

Sec. 7-401 Budget Presentation and Adoption.

Sec. 7-405 Post Audit.

For approval of the change in the existing charter of the City of Columbus to require the inclusion of certain comparison documents in the operating budget documentation; to provide for a six-month period for completion of the annual audit; and to provide for the establishment of an Audit Committee by Council.

Against approval of the change in the existing charter of the City of Columbus to require the inclusion of certain comparison documents in the operating budget documentation; to provide for a six-month period for completion of the annual audit; and to provide for the establishment of an Audit Committee by Council.

For Approval

Against Approval

### **Article VII- Chapter 5 Charter Amendment**

Charter section amended:

Sec. 7-501. Sale and Disposition of Property.

For approval of the change in the existing charter of the City of Columbus to allow Council to authorize the transfer of property for appraised value to adjacent property owners without going through advertisement and public sale.

Against approval of the change in the existing charter of the City of Columbus to allow Council to authorize the transfer of property for appraised value to adjacent property owners without going through advertisement and public sale.

For Approval

Against Approval

### **Article VIII- Charter Amendment**

Charter section amended:

Sec. 8-100.Sheriff

For approval of the change in the existing charter of the City of Columbus to refer to the Sheriff as the Sheriff of Muscogee County.

Against approval of the change in the existing charter of the City of Columbus to refer to the Sheriff as the Sheriff of Muscogee County.

For Approval

Against Approval

**Appendix Two- Code of Ethics and Prohibited Practices.**

Charter section amended:

Paragraph (2) of Section 8

For approval of the change in the existing charter of the City of Columbus to provide that violations of Sections 1 through 7 of the Code of Ethics shall be punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).

Against approval of the change in the existing charter of the City of Columbus to provide that violations of Sections 1 through 7 of the Code of Ethics shall be punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).

( ) For Approval

( ) Against Approval

**Proposed revision to notice requirements throughout the Charter.**

Charter sections amended:

Sec. 3-206. Publication of ordinances by caption only; publication in full.

Sec. 8-507. Methods of Notification.

Sec. 1-103. Taxing Districts.

Sec. 6-201. Special Elections

Sec. 6-400. Petition for enactment of; circulation; etc.

Sec. 7-401. Budget preparation and adoption.

Sec. 7-501. Sale and disposition of property.

For approval of the change in the existing charter of the City of Columbus to update and modernize notice requirements contained throughout the Charter; to provide for digital notification in addition to required published notification; and to allow Council the authority to provide an additional or alternate means of notification when a required method becomes unavailable or legally impossible.

Against approval of the change in the existing charter of the City of Columbus to update and modernize notice requirements contained throughout the Charter; to provide for digital notification in addition to required published notification; and to allow Council the authority to provide an additional or alternate means of notification when a required method becomes unavailable or legally impossible.

For Approval

Against Approval