

MINUTES OF THE ELECTION COMMISSION MEETING OF THE CITY OF GROSSE POINTE WOODS HELD ON THURSDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2023, IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING, 20025 MACK PLAZA, GROSSE POINTE WOODS, MICHIGAN.

The Chair called the meeting to order at 2:02 PM.

Roll Call: Chair/City Clerk Antolin
Council Representative Vaughn
City Attorney Walling
Absent: None

Also Present: Confidential Assistant Miotto

Motion by Vaughn, seconded by Walling, that all items on the agenda be received, placed on file, and taken in order of appearance.

Motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: Antolin, Vaughn, Walling
No: None
Absent: None

Motion by Walling, seconded by Vaughn, that the minutes of the Election Commission meeting held on September 8, 2023, be approved as submitted.

Motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: Antolin, Vaughn, Walling
No: None
Absent: None

Motion by Vaughn, seconded by Walling, regarding **Certification of Election Inspectors and Receiving Boards and Rates of Pay** for the November 7, 2023, General Election, that the Election Commission approve the Certification of Election Inspectors as revised and recommend the City Council approve the rates of pay as presented.

Motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: Antolin, Vaughn, Walling
No: None
Absent: None

A brief discussion ensued regarding election drop boxes and the pay of election inspectors and the Absent Voter (AV) Office Staff. The City Clerk stated the intent to revisit the current pay of the election inspectors/AV office staff and compare with local communities to present to the Commission a more comparable pay rate to retain and recruit invaluable workers.

The next item discussed was regarding the Grosse Pointe Woods Early Voting (EV) Plan and resolution. The City Clerk provided an overview of the EV Plan including:

- Single Municipality implementation
- Early Voting only for State and Federal Elections
- Early Voting site will be at City Hall (20025 Mack Plaza Dr.) in the Community Center
- Nine (9) days of early voting (Starting two Saturdays preceding the election until the Sunday prior to the election)
- Early Voting Hours: 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Motion by Vaughn, seconded by Walling, regarding the Grosse Pointe Woods Early Voting (EV) Plan, that the Election Commission recommends to City Council the approval of the Grosse Pointe Woods Early Voting Plan and Resolution and authorize the City Clerk to sign and submit to the Wayne County Clerk.

Motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: Antolin, Vaughn, Walling
No: None
Absent: None

Under New Business, the following individual was heard:

Motion by Walling, seconded by Vaughn, that the Election Commission receive and place on file the correspondences received from the Wayne County Election Division and Michigan Department of State – Bureau of Elections regarding the Michigan Ballot Production Standards stating that it is not necessary to rotate the names of the candidates if there are the same number of seats available as there are candidates for Local General Elections.

- The City Clerk stated that, at the last Election Commission Meeting held on September 8, 2023, the Commission approved the November 7, 2023 - General Local Election ballots to rotate the names of the candidates for each precinct even though the office on the ballot were uncontested. Wayne County contacted the City Clerk and stated that the Michigan Ballot Standards required that for any General Local Election, if any office race has the same number of seats available as candidates on the ballot, the names are not to be rotated. Although the Commission preferred to rotate the candidates' names to portray fairness, the ballots were printed without the name rotation in accordance to the Michigan Ballot Production Standards.

Nobody wished to be heard under Public Comment.

Motion by Vaughn, seconded by Walling, that tonight's meeting minutes be immediately certified.

Motion carried by the following vote:
Yes: Antolin, Vaughn, Walling
No: None
Absent: None

Motion by Vaughn, seconded by Walling, that the meeting be adjourned at 2:33 PM. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul P. Antolin
Chair/City Clerk