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Electoral Board Meeting called to order at 8:30A on Wednesday, June 5, 2019 on a conference call.

Robert Horowitz, Secretary in the Electoral Board Office, Elizabeth Bouldin-Clopton and Franks Lucente were conferenced. No visitors were present. Ms. Bouldin-Clopton made a motion to move the meeting to 4:30p that afternoon. Mr. Lucente seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous. The meeting was adjourned and was scheduled to reconvene at 4:30 pm on June 5, 2019.

The Electoral Board Meeting was reconvened, and Ms. Bouldin-Clopton called it to order at 4:45p on June 5, 2019 at the Electoral Board Office.

In attendance: Elizabeth Bouldin-Clopton, Chair, Frank Lucente, Vice-Chair, Robert Horowitz, Secretary and intermittently Lisa Jeffers, Director of Elections.

The Minutes from the May 10, 2019 Electoral Board Meeting were presented. Ms. Bouldin-Clopton moved that the minutes be approved as written. Mr. Lucente seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous to approve the May 10th minutes. The minutes were then signed by each of the EB members.

Ms. Jeffers rehearsed the contact made by City Manager Mike Hamp dealing with the possibility of again proposing to move the Registrar and Electoral Board Member offices. After a brief discussion, it was decided that the Board would review the data and materials we used during the last time we were confronted with this suggested. It was noted that in our discussions with City Council members and Mr. Hamp the last time this topic was addressed, that the Board and Director of Elections/Registrar would be open to consider a move if certain conditions were met including adequate space, tight security and easy access for the general public to be accommodated for registration, voting inquiries, absentee voting , etc. It was also determined by all parties that if this topic was again put forth it would involve all parties to be present including the Director of Elections, The Electoral Board Members, The City Manager and members of the City Council. With this in mind the Board agreed to invite Mr. Hamp and two City Council Members to attend our 8:30a July 10, 2019 Electoral Board Meeting.

We discussed preparations for the upcoming Tuesday, June 11, 2019 Republican Primary. We reviewed the training of Officers of Election that took place on May 29 and May 30, 2019. Mr. Lucente attended two training sessions on Wednesday the 29th. Mr. Horowitz and Ms. Jeffers attended and administered all the training sessions on Wednesday the 29th and Thursday the 30th.

Mr. Horowitz reviewed his contacts with Mr. Mouhamed, Director of the Library that is Ward B, the Reverend Chad Peck, the Minister of the basic Methodist Church that is Ward A and Ms. Goin from the Wayne’s Hills Center that is Ward C. They were all reminded about the Primary and the necessary preparations that would take place Monday, June 10th, as well. Andy Shifflett, Chief of Ward D was expected to remind those at The Westminster Presbyterian Church that is Ward D about the Primary.

Mr. Horowitz also reviewed other election preparations that were made including voting machine programming, voting ballots and their distribution and other supplies.

Due to changes in the Chiefs and Assistant Chiefs at three of the Wards, the Electoral Board Schedule of Wards visits on Election Day were changed. Ms. Bouldin-Clopton will start her day at Ward C. Mr. Lucente would start at Ward B. Mr. Horowitz would start at Ward A. All will be at their respective wards at
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5a. They would leave to go the next ward (in alphabetical order) at 6:45a. Moving on to the next Ward on 15 minutes prior to the next hour. The Board would then meet at The EB/Registrar’s office at noon to review their experiences, stock up on supplies, etc. Mr. Horowitz would at 11a get the lunches for each Ward and proceed to distribute them before meeting the rest of the Board at noon.

Hoping for a larger turnout that in off/off year elections primaries in the past, Mr. Horowitz moved, and Mr. Lucente seconded that the meeting adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 5:25p.

Elizabeth Bouldin-Clopton, Chair________________________________________ Date________________

Frank Lucente, Vice Chair______________________________________________ Date________________

Robert Horowitz, Secretary_____________________________________________ Date________________