



CITY OF WORCESTER, MASSACHUSETTS
CITY CLERK DEPARTMENT

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CITY CLERK

BOARD OF ELECTION COMMISSIONERS

Meeting

Monday, August 13th, 2007

Convened: 5:05 p.m.

Adjourned: 6:02 p.m.

City Council Chamber

- 1. Call to Order**
- 2. Pledge of Allegiance**
- 3. Roll Call by the Clerk: Commissioners Goggins, Rodriguez and Stewart present with Chairperson Stewart in the Chair.**
- 4. Acceptance of Minutes of the July 9th, 2007 Meeting: Motion of Cmsnr. Rodriguez to accept and seconded by Cmsnr. Goggins.**
- 5. Old Business:**
 - a. Concerning photographs of candidates for the 2007 municipal ballots: Speakers; Samuel Rosario and William Coleman. The Board voted to continue to Hold this item with Rodriguez offering to communicate with the Secretary of State Office for response to July 30th communication requesting an opinion as to the appropriateness of the request to include photographs of candidates on the municipal ballots.**
 - b. Invitations to City Manager, City Solicitor and City Clerk to a Board meeting: The Board voted to Hold this item until the City Solicitor is able to be present.**
- 6. New Business:**
 - a. Drawing of lots for the Preliminary Election Ballot: Lots were drawn by the Commissioners for ballot position for the September 11, 2007 Preliminary for At-Large and District One and Five City Council seats.**

7. **Items from the City Clerk:**
- a. **Election Day preparation procedures:** The Clerk reported about preliminary meetings with various city departments and outside agencies. File
 - b. **Office staffing:** The Clerk provided the Board with a copy of the letter provided to the Mayor and City Council introducing the new Assistant Director of Elections, Joshua D. Meduna. File
 - c. **Equipment needs:** The Clerk reported the purchase of new voting booths and equipment for use beginning with the September 11 Preliminary. A total of \$45,000 in new equipment is being authorized by the City Manager during Fiscal Year 2007 and 2008. File
 - d. **The "150 feet" rule:** The Board requested the City Clerk to request the Secretary of State to rule how the 150 foot Rule impacts candidates or those representing candidates introducing themselves within the 150 space. Hold
 - e. **New Registrations:** The Board agreed to consider approaching federal authorities to request to be a part of future ceremonies in which local residents are sworn-in to become new U.S. citizens. File
 - f. **2010 Federal Census:** The Clerk notified the Board of his involvement in the 2010 federal census including leading the technical team of city departments in the preliminary efforts to obtain as complete a count of Worcester residents as possible. Hold
 - g. **Annual Street Listing:** The Board requested the City Clerk to report how those residents who have not responded to the street listing mailing will be labeled on the voting lists for the Fall of 2007; either as Active or Inactive. Hold
 - h. **Ballot Question:** The Clerk provided the Board with communications concerning the wording of the ballot question concerning gaming that will appear on the November 6, 2007 ballot. File
 - i. **Evening Registration Session:** Cmsnrs. Rodriguez and Stewart stated they would be conducting in-office registrations on the evening of August 22nd. The Board asked the City Clerk to request that the media be requested to promote the evening registration session. The Board also requested the Clerk to inquire of the Commissioner of the DPWP if the Reverse 911 system might be utilized to remind the public about voter registration deadlines and polling hours on election days. File

The next meeting of the Board of Election Commissioners will take place on Monday, August 20, 2007 @ 5:00 p.m. in the City Council Chamber.