



Chris Swope Lansing City Clerk

Official Proceedings of the ELECTION COMMISSION MEETING

June 4, 2021

Hybrid

Zoom – Meeting ID 517 483 4131

Meeting was called to order by City Clerk Chris Swope at 10:03 a.m.

Members Present:

Chris Swope, City Clerk
Jim Smiertka, City Attorney (remotely from Laingsburg, MI)
Sharon Frischman, City Assessor (remotely from Meridian Township, MI)

Others Present:

Robin Stites, Office of the City Clerk

Approval of the Agenda:

Moved by City Attorney Smiertka to approve the agenda with the addition under new business of Ranked Choice Voting.
Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes:

Moved by City Attorney Smiertka to approve the minutes of the Election Commission Meeting of April 27, 2021.
Motion carried.

Public Comment:

There was no public comment.

New Business

a. Consideration of Precinct Consolidations for the August 3, 2021 City Primary

Moved by City Assessor Frischman to approve the Resolution to Consolidate Precincts for the City Primary to be held on Tuesday, August 3, 2021
Motion Carried.

**CITY OF LANSING ELECTION COMMISSION
RESOLUTION TO CONSOLIDATE PRECINCTS FOR THE CITY PRIMARY
TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY, AUGUST 3, 2021**

WHEREAS, the City of Lansing anticipates a low voter turnout for the City Primary on August 3, 2021;
and

WHEREAS, consolidating precincts in polling locations that have more than one precinct voting at them would save funds by reducing the number of Election Inspectors, lowering programming expenses, and reducing equipment delivery costs; and

WHEREAS, MCL 168.659 allows for the City Election Commission to consolidate two or more precincts in local elections, provided the new consolidated precinct does not exceed 5,000 registered voters; and

WHEREAS, state law does not require notice to be sent to voters if the precinct consolidation does not change their polling location; and

WHEREAS, Precincts 1-5 and 1-45 share a polling location, Precincts 1-6 and 1-7 share a polling location, Precincts 1-10 and 4-34 share a polling location, Precincts 2-14 and 2-18 share a polling location, Precincts 2-19 and 2-20 share a polling location, Precincts 3-22 and 3-26 share a polling location, Precincts 3-24 and 3-25 share a polling location, Precincts 3-28 and 3-31 share a polling location, Precincts 3-29 and 3-30 share a polling location, Precincts 4-36 and 4-37 share a polling location, and Precincts 4-38 and 4-40 share a polling location; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the following precincts be consolidated for the August 3, 2021 City Primary:

1-5 and 1-45 voting at Foster Community Center
1-6 and 1-7 voting at Pilgrim Congregational Church
1-10 and 4-34 voting at South Washington Office Complex
2-14 and 2-18 voting at Gardner Middle School
2-19 and 2-20 voting at Gardner Middle School
3-22 and 3-26 voting at Alfreda Schmidt Southside Community Center
3-24 and 3-25 voting at Attwood Elementary School
3-28 and 3-31 voting at Dwight Rich School
3-29 and 3-30 voting at Tabernacle of David Church
4-36 and 4-37 voting at Letts Community Center
4-38 and 4-40 voting at Willow Elementary School

- b. Approval of the Ballots for the August 3, 2021 City Primary
Moved by City Clerk Swope to approve the ballots for the August 3, 2021 City Primary.
Motion Carried.
- c. Ranked Choice Voting
City Attorney Smiertka stated that City Council will be considering a charter amendment proposal to introduce Rank Choice Voting. The proposal wording is currently with the Michigan Attorney General's Office.

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 10:10 a.m.

CHRIS SWOPE, MMC/MiPMC
CITY CLERK