

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE  
BOARD OF ELECTIONS**

March 18, 2020

1:00 P.M.

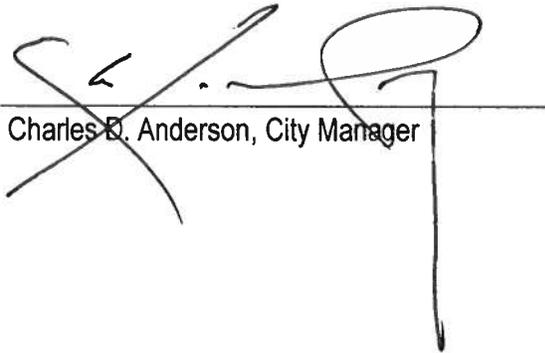
A meeting of the Board of Elections was held via teleconference on March 18, 2020 starting at 1:00 p.m. The following people were present: City Solicitor Dan Griffith, City Manager Charles Anderson, Director of Economic Development and Community Relations Trisha Newcomer, City Clerk Tracy Torbert and Board members Rick Stewart, Howard Greene and Susan Lepter.

On March 13, 2020 at 8:00 a.m., Governor Carney declared a State of Emergency due to the public health threat of COVID-19. On March 13, 2020, Governor Carney issued the First Modification to the State of Emergency, addressing mass gatherings. A discussion was held about the State of Emergency and the First Modification and how they would impact the Municipal Election concerning voter turnout.

The idea was brought up to do an all absentee ballot election. City Solicitor Griffith explained that there may be legal challenges in the event of an all-absentee ballot election.

It was felt that for the best interest of the voters, poll workers and public, that the Municipal Election be postponed to a later date and to request permission from the State Election Commissioner for a postponement. It was also recommended to encourage people to take advantage of the absentee ballot process and to mail a letter out to each registered voter outlining the ways that they could obtain an affidavit to request an absentee ballot.

With no further questions or comments, the teleconference was completed.

  
Charles D. Anderson, City Manager

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