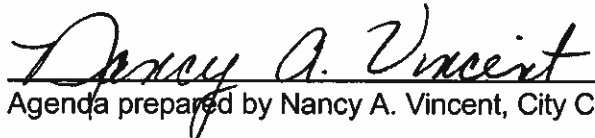


AGENDA
ELECTION COMMISSION MEETING
Council Conference Room
July 29, 2010
6:45 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER
2. ROLL CALL OF COMMISSION
3. ACTION ITEMS
 - A. Approval of Minutes - September 2, 2009
 - B. Discussion of potential meeting with City Council.
4. OTHER MATTERS
5. ADJOURNMENT


Agenda prepared by Nancy A. Vincent, City Clerk

MINUTES
THORNTON ELECTION COMMISSION
SEPTEMBER 2, 2009

1. CALL TO ORDER - By Chairperson Nancy Vincent at 5:56 p.m. in the Council Conference Room.
2. ROLL CALL - Those present were: James Joy, Terry Kish, and Richard Perez, Election Commission members; Nancy Vincent, City Clerk; Gary Jacobson, Deputy City Attorney; and Lucille Miller, Deputy City Clerk.
3. BUSINESS

A. Approval of Minutes – September 5, 2007 and July 21, 2009

MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. PEREZ AND SECONDED BY MR. KISH TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 5, 2007 MEETING. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY EXCEPT THAT MR. JOY ABSTAINED SINCE HE WAS NOT A MEMBER OF THE COMMISSION AT THAT TIME.

MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. JOY AND SECONDED BY MR. KISH TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE JULY 21, 2009 MEETING. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY EXCEPT THAT MR. PEREZ ABSTAINED DUE TO HIS ABSENCE FROM THE JULY 21, 2009 MEETING.

B. Cast Lots to determine order of Ballot. [360-BC]

Ms. Vincent reviewed the procedure which will be followed for casting lots with the Election Commission members. She added that following the casting of lots, the ballot will be certified to Adams County. Mr. Jacobson responded to a question from a Commission member concerning whether it would be appropriate to distribute flyers for a City Council candidate. Mr. Jacobson said he would look into the matter and get back to him.

When the candidates arrived, Ms. Vincent asked the candidates, Commission members and staff who were present to introduce themselves. She noted that copies of an alphabetical list of candidates for each office were distributed as well as a memo from the Deputy City Manager explaining an error in the campaign sign brochure which was handed out at the Candidate Briefing. She reviewed the procedure for casting lots, stating that each candidate's name and the office they are running for is on the same size paper, but on different colors for each office. She and the Deputy City Clerk will fold the pieces of paper before placing them into a basket. She said that each Election Commission member would draw names for the four wards as follows: Mr. Joy – Ward 1; Mr. Perez – Ward 2 and Ward 3; and Mr. Kish – Ward 4.

The results of casting lots were as follows:

Ward 1 - Four-Year Term

- 1) Mary E. Payne
- 2) Jenice (JJ) Dove
- 3) Mack Goodman
- 4) Jan Bach

Ward 2 - Four-Year Term

- 1) Val Vigil
- 2) Ralph W. Moore II

Ward 3 - Four-Year Term

- 1) Brian Thornton
- 2) Lynne Fox

Ward 4 - Four-Year Term

- 1) David Pettit
- 2) Randy Drennen
- 3) Luke Michael Beard
- 4) Charles E. Stevenson

Ms. Vincent stated that a letter will be sent to all the candidates advising them of the ballot order. She said that City Council meeting and Planning Session packets are available on the City's web site on the Friday prior to the meeting and asked candidates to contact her if they need a paper copy. She also reminded candidates that the first campaign statement is due on October 13, 2009.

4. OTHER MATTERS

In response to a question from the Commission, Ms. Vincent explained the City Council policy for filling vacancies on board and commissions is that when there are more applicants than vacancies, City Council interviews the applicants. She added that when there are the same number or fewer applicants than vacancies, the board or commission will conduct interviews and make a recommendation to City Council.

MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. KISH AND SECONDED BY MR. JOY TO DIRECT THE CITY CLERK TO DISCUSS WITH THE CITY MANAGER WHETHER IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE TO MAKE A RECOMMENDATION TO CITY COUNCIL TO CHANGE THE CURRENT POLICY FOR FILLING VACANCIES TO ALLOW THE ELECTION COMMISSION TO INTERVIEW APPLICANTS SINCE THE COMMISSION IS MORE POLITICAL AND INDEPENDENT THAN OTHER BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS.

Discussion followed concerning the motion.

MOTION PASSED BY A MAJORITY VOTE AS FOLLOWS:

Ayes: Joy and Kish
Nays: Perez

Ms. Vincent advised the Commission that the Thornton Civic Center is a ballot drop-off site for the coordinated mail ballot election and to let her know if they would like to assist on Election Day.

5. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. PEREZ AND SECONDED BY MR. KISH TO ADJOURN THE MEETING. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

The meeting adjourned at 6:43 p.m.



Lucille Miller, Secretary

Nancy A. Vincent, Chairperson

Approved at the July 29, 2010 Election Commission meeting.