

MINUTES
Non-Partisan Elections Citizens Committee
Thursday, July 8, 2021
War Memorial Building

A previously and publicly announced meeting of the Non-Partisan Elections Citizens Committee was called to order by Chairman Rich Maddux on Thursday, July 8, 2021, at 5:30 p.m. at the War Memorial Building, Hopkinsville, Kentucky.

ROLL CALL

Besides Chairman Maddux, members in attendance were Dr. Darvin Adams, Nancy Askew, Tom Glover, Andra Gold, Faye Hendricks, Dan Kemp, Diane Wood, and Shannon Worden. Absent were Tiffany Mumford Brame and Reverend Perry Greenwade.

Staff in attendance were Doug Willen, City Attorney; Crissy Fletcher, City Clerk; and Clayton Sumner, Police Chief.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Kemp moved to approve the minutes of the June 3, 2021 special called meeting; seconded by Ms. Askew. There being no discussion, all members present voted aye.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

Review and discuss relevant KRS

Mr. Willen reviewed relevant statutes and the proposed ordinance approved by City Council and vetoed by Mayor Lynch. He also reviewed options available to City Council. During discussion, Ms. Fletcher agreed to research the diversity of the other six cities that have partisan elections and to gather information on the seven cities that changed from partisan to non-partisan elections within the last seven years.

Objectives for next meeting

Chairman Maddux asked members which task the Committee wanted to address at the next meeting. During discussion it was agreed that Ms. Fletcher would contact Kentucky League of Cities to see if they could attend the next meeting. Mr. Glover agreed to contact political science professors that are experts in state and local government to see if they could attend a future meeting. Members agreed that public participation should be allowed when outside speakers are present. Ms. Fletcher and Ms. Hendricks agreed to research local election results and gather additional voter statistics for Hopkinsville.

COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS

Members requested Chairman Maddux follow up with absent members.

CHAIR COMMENTS

Chairman Maddux thanked members for attending.

ADJOURN

There being no further business to come before the Committee at this time, Ms. Hendricks moved to adjourn at 6:45 p.m.; seconded by Ms. Askew. There being no discussion, all members present voted aye.

APPROVAL CERTIFICATION

The foregoing are true and accurate minutes of the special called Non-Partisan Elections Citizens Committee meeting held Thursday, July 8, 2021. The minutes were approved on August 12, 2021 on motion by Mr. Kemp; seconded by Ms. Askew. All members present voted aye.



Christine M. Fletcher, MMC
City Clerk