

## **Election Commission**

Virtual Meeting

July 19, 2023

6:00 p.m.

**Call to Order:** Scott Irvin called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

**Roll Call:** City Clerk Kadee Rodriguez called roll.

*Members Present:* Scott Irvin, Bill McCartin, Molly Barrett, Lori Gimelshteyn and Mike Seufert

*Members Absent:*

*Staff Present:* Kadee Rodriguez, City Clerk

**Approval of Agenda:** Lori Gimelshteyn motioned to approve the agenda, Scott Irvin seconds. Motion passed.

**Approval of Minutes:** Bill McCartin motioned to approve the 6-21-2023 minutes, Lori Gimelshteyn seconds. Motion passed.

### **General Business:**

**2023 Regular Municipal Election Update:** Kadee explains that she has emailed everyone the 2023 election calendar along with a few additional resource links. She announces that all IGA's have now been received from the counties and are being reviewed alongside the city attorney office. She explained that the nomination petition packet process is coming up in August and goes over further timelines and deadlines.

Kadee updated the Commission that an initial determination on the mayor strong form of government charter amendment petition will be released soon. There is a 20-day protest period after the initial determination. If there is no protest, Kadee can issue her final determination. Bill questions if there is a particular form to file a protest and if it will be on the website. Kadee explained that she is working with the city attorney's office to draft a form and that it will be available online. Bill asked if a citizen can come in and review the petition packets for discrepancies. Kadee stated yes, with an appointment with the City Clerk's Office. Bill asked if Kadee had enough staff to handle this project. Kadee elaborated that she did not have the staff capacity in the City Clerks office, but that other individuals from within the city were trained and helped with the project.

Bill asked if they should be aware of any changes since the last election. Kadee confirmed that there were no changes. Scott asked if there are any meetings with candidates to go over finance reporting or process deadlines. Kadee explained that there are no planned meetings but that they answer any questions as they come.

### **Miscellaneous Items:**

**Review of Candidates Running for Office:** Molly assembled and presented a spreadsheet of all the candidates running for mayor and various council positions in the city of Aurora. Kadee explains that the nomination process does not start until August and that individuals must pick up a nomination petition packet, have it reviewed for signature validation, and then certified and nominated as an official candidate. Lori asks how long it takes for Kadee to verify the nomination petitions. Kadee answers that it depends on how many individuals are running, but that it is a much quicker process than the charter amendment petition packets. Bill questions when the next finance reports are due for candidates. Kadee explained that there

are two different dates and reporting periods. Kadee stated that all dates are in the campaign finance guidebook which are on the website and sent the link to the Commission.

**Adjournment:** Motion by Scott to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Molly. The meeting is adjourned at 6:37 p.m.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mike Seufert", written in a cursive style.

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Mike Seufert, Vice Chair