



Lowell City Council

Rules SC Minutes

Michael Q. Geary
City Clerk

Date: April 29, 2025
Time: 5:30 PM
Location: Council Chamber, 375 Merrimack St., City Hall / Zoom (Hybrid)

PRESENT:

Present on Roll Call were Chairman Chau, C. Descoteaux and C. Scott. Also present was William Rosenberry (Dir. Of Elections), C. Mercier and C. Yem.

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:

Chairman Chau called the meeting to order noting the attendance and topics for discussion regarding 2025 Election and online census.

ORDER OF BUSINESS:

C. Chau noted the referral, and the report provided to the subcommittee. Mr. Rosenberry noted prior Council approval of the Preliminary Election date of September 9, 2025, and what steps have been taken to accommodate that date. Mr. Rosenberry commented on open items which included polling locations. Mr. Rosenberry noted the Lowell High School site and that he was working with Lowell Public Schools to identify proper locations. Mr. Rosenberry noted inquiry regarding the Morey School. Mr. Rosenberry noted that the Senior Center is a good location due to space and accessibility and that they could accommodate any stresses on the facility. Mr. Rosenberry noted upcoming Commissioners Meeting, and that decision would be made then and then forwarded to Council for approval regarding early voting and polling locations. Mr. Rosenberry outlined the technical work being done regarding online census and how it would improve voting conditions. Mr. Rosenberry noted request for quotes have gone out for software and looking to implement it for 2026. C. Chau noted that there is a better location within the Morey School location. C. Descoteaux commented on the Lowell High School polling site. Mr. Rosenberry indicated that this site could house many precincts. C. Descoteaux noted that the Charter School could probably be dropped as a site due to lack of voters. Mr. Rosenberry noted that there are several areas to have a polling location as it must be in a precinct or an adjacent precinct. C. Descoteaux questioned removal of voters from the roll. Mr. Rosenberry outlined the process to remove voters from the roll. C. Scott questioned use of the online census application. Mr. Rosenberry noted it was efficient tool and could be used



to add and recapture voters into the system. C. Scott noted that there are many areas in Lowell High School to accommodate polling locations. C. Chau questioned selection process of polling locations. Mr. Rosenberry commented on that process. C. Yem noted polling locations for District 7. C. Yem questioned the use of ballot drop box locations. C. Descoteaux noted the need for Council to bring forth their location preferences. C. Scott noted that locations for polling should remain consistent. Mr. Rosenberry indicated that there are resources to cover many sites. C. Mercier commented on the lack of voting during elections in spite of the effort of the City. C. Scott noted that signage would help identify sites.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion "To Adjourn" and continue by C. Chau, seconded by C. Scott. So voted.
Meeting adjourned at 6:15 PM.

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