

Takoma Park's board of elections met on 1/7/2019 at 7500 Maple Avenue in Takoma Park, Maryland. Present: Brian Ernst (board chair); Arthur David Olson (board vice chair); Curtis Antonucci (board member); Jennifer Domagal-Goldman (board member); Jessie Carpenter (city clerk). Arrived during course of meeting: Lori Grazio (board member).

Brian called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m.

We approved the agenda for the meeting.

We approved the minutes of our 12/10/2018 meeting.

Jessie reported no news on the status of the memorandum of understanding with the county board of elections. Jessie reported that Jessie, Brian, and the city attorney plan to attend the 1/28/2019 county board of elections meeting at which the memorandum of understanding may be discussed; Jessie undertook to recirculate the memorandum to city board of election members. Jessie reported that Jessie's meeting with county board of elections staff is set for 1/17/2019.

Jessie noted that requests for proposals for any big-ticket items required for the 2020 election could be issued before the July 1, 2020 start of a budget year, to be paid for from that budget; this means we need not anticipate big expenditures at this early date.

We continued our code review, considering the last, unreviewed sections of chapter 5. Brian noted changes to be made to our recommendations. We made changes to avoid references to printed ballots, to allow for situation where voting machines are used. We considered changes to allow processing of absentee ballots and early votes (but not the release of results) before the polls close. We agreed to change references to "days" in section 5.16.070 to "business days;" Jessie undertook to provide insights on the number of days to use (and whether a change in the date of seating of the council may be called for). Arthur David undertook to research the absentee ballot request deadline provisions of other cities. Jessie noted that the Board of Elections does have bylaws; Jessie undertook to send them to board members.

We adjourned at 9:21 p.m., to meet next on 2/4/2019 at 7:00 p.m. at 7500 Maple Avenue.

Brian Ernst, presiding

Arthur David Olson, recording