

Ranked Choice Voting Committee

1/21/2021

18:00

Meeting held remotely on zoom and recorded

Members present: Barbara Labombard, Sara Amoroso, Chris Korczak, Thomas Peake, Dan Gilbert, Owen Zaret

Minutes were approved from 11/19/2020 and 7/16/2020

Minutes approved from 12/17/2020 with Owen Zaret abstaining

There was no public speak.

Jackie Brousseau Pereira was recommended as an excellent committee member

Definitions were discussed and chair agreed to list them in alphabetical order commensurate with other ordinances

Proposal for write in vote language was provided as follows:

Write-In Votes: When votes are initially tabulated, all write-in votes will be tabulated together, as if they were cast for a single candidate. ~~Only~~ in the case that the write-in votes receive a majority of votes ~~will~~ the clerk be required to reconcile ballots to individual write-in candidates prior to declaring the winner of an election.

There was a lengthy debate regarding write in votes. And a few recommendations for language

Discussion included whether to include language at all for write ins.

The importance of first choice votes was discussed and corresponding language that was necessary for the ordinance

The committee noted that it may be necessary to see how the software functions regarding write ins to determine most appropriate language

Committee discussed best plan for presentation to council and council vote

Funding for RCV was reviewed. \$8000 was approved.

RCV education was also reviewed mailing costs were discussed for voter education

Voter education materials could also be available at the polls

There was no new business

Next meeting set for 2/25/2021 at 18:00

Meeting adjourned

