

ELECTION COMMISSION MEETING  
Monday, August 31, 2023

**PRESENT:** Chair/City Clerk: Abrial J. Barrett  
Commissioners: Marguerite Bowman  
Mary-Jo Nanni  
Deputy City Clerk: Amy Anikewich  
Recording Secretary: Steven Keith

**ABSENT:** Eric Shepherd  
Grace Descamps

**1. Call to Order**

Ms. Barrett called the meeting to order at 10:04 a.m., and a quorum was present.

**Motion by Nanni, seconded by Bowman to excuse Eric Shepherd and Grace Descamps.**

Ayes: All – 3  
Absent: Descamps, Shepherd

**2. Approval of July 17, 2023, Meeting Minutes**

**Motion by Nanni, seconded by Barrett to approve the minutes of the July 17, 2023, meeting as presented.**

Ayes: All – 3  
Absent: Descamps, Shepherd

**3. Request for adoption of amended resolution to consolidate voting precincts and use of 17 Absentee Voter Counting Boards for November 7, 2023, City General Election**

**Motion by Bowman, seconded by Nanni to adopt the amended resolution to consolidate voting precincts and use of 17 Absentee Voter Counting Boards for November 7, 2023, City General Election which reads as follows:**

**Temporary Precinct Consolidation Resolution**

**WHEREAS**, Section 168.659 of the Michigan Election Law, Act 116 of 1954, states that, "If a county, city, ward, township, village, metropolitan district, or school district is divided into 2 or more election precincts, the county, city, ward, township, or village election commissioners may, by resolution, consolidate the election precincts for a particular election that is not a general November election, primary election immediately before a general November election, or other statewide or federal election"; and

**WHEREAS**, by consolidating these 8 precincts down to 4 combined precincts, voters will still be voting at their same voting location for the November 7, 2023, City General Election as follows:

Precincts	Location	Voter Registration as of 8/23/2023
8 & 10	Blossom Heath Inn	3,602
9 & 11	The Shores Church	4,109
16 & 18	St. Margaret Church	4,683
17 & 19	Lake Shore High School	4,462

**WHEREAS**, it is in the best financial interest of the City to consolidate these precincts for a small turnout election as recommended to the Election Commission by the City Clerk and will have no negative impact to voters; and

**WHEREAS**, the Election Commission has reviewed the complexity of the ballot, turnout and reviewed the number of registered voters in consolidating these precincts comply with the Michigan Election laws and do not exceed 5,000 active registered voters in their temporary consolidation;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the City of St. Clair Shores Election Commission approves the temporary consolidation of the above noted 8 precincts into 4 voting precincts for the November 7, 2023, City General Election and 17 Absentee Voter Counting Boards to reflect this consolidation which are as follows:

**Item 3 continued**

<b>Precinct</b>	<b>Precinct Location</b>	<b>Precinct</b>	<b>Precinct Location</b>
1	South Lake Administration Bldg.	12	VFW Bruce Post Hall
2	St. Joan of Arc Community Center	13	Lakeview High School
3	Assumption Greek Community Center	14	Lakeview High School
4	St. Paul's Lutheran Church	15	VFW Bruce Post Hall
5	St. Lucy Catholic Church	16 & 18	St. Margaret Church
6	Senior Activity Center	17 & 19	Lake Shore High School
7	Senior Activity Center	20	Kennedy Middle School
8 & 10	Blossom Heath Inn	21	Lakeside Community Church
9 & 11	The Shores Church	AVCB	City Hall

Ayes: All – 3  
Absent: Descamps, Shepherd

**4. Approval of November 7, 2023, City General Election Ballot**

Ballot samples were provided to the commissioners for their approval. We have proofed the ballot language and candidate rotation. We had to consolidate precincts for the November 7, 2023, General Election so that no precinct has two different ballot styles.

**Motion by Nanni, seconded by Bowman to approve the ballots for the November 7, 2023, City General Election.**

Ayes: All – 3  
Absent: Descamps, Shepherd

**5. Request approval to schedule Public Accuracy Test for City General Election no later than October 16, 2023**

The tentative date discussed for the Public Accuracy Test is October 9, 2023 at 10:30 a.m.

**Motion by Nanni, seconded by Bowman to approve scheduling Public Accuracy Test for November 7, 2023, City General Election no later than October 16, 2023.**

Ayes: All – 3  
Absent: Descamps, Shepherd

**6. Audience Participation - None**

**7. Adjournment**

**Motion by Bowman, seconded by Nanni to adjourn the meetings at 10:12 a.m.**

Ayes: All – 3  
Absent: Descamps, Shepherd

Prepared by:  
Steven Keith  
Recording Secretary

Reviewed by:  
Abrial Barrett  
Chair/City Clerk