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CITY OF RIVIERA BEACH – MEMORANDUM

TO: HON. MAYOR, CHAIRPERSON, AND CITY COUNCIL

THROUGH: JONATHAN E. EVANS, CITY MANAGER, , MPA, MBA, ICMA-CM

FROM: CLAUDENE L. ANTHONY, CMC, CITY CLERK

SUBJECT: PROPOSED CANVASSING BOARD CHANGES

DATE: AUGUST 4, 2021

CC: GENERAL PUBLIC

Background:

After the last municipal election, a review was conducted of the composition of the canvassing boards of surrounding municipalities. A summary of the findings are attached for your review. Please note the City of Riviera Beach is the only municipality permitting its City Clerk to appoint an elected official to the Canvassing Board.

Attached is proposed Ordinance 4176. The proposed Ordinance removes the City Clerk's ability to appoint a council member to the Canvassing Board and gives the authority to the City Council to appoint a member of the elective body or whomever is desired to the Canvassing Board.

In the Ordinance, you will also find, that there is a provision for the appointment of an alternate in the event any member of the Canvassing Board is unable to serve. However, it is imperative all members of the Canvassing Board, to include the alternate member, is free of past or current participation in any campaign activities on behalf of a candidate listed on the ballot.

Also attached, you will find communication from PBCSOE Wendy Sartory Link proffering the County Canvassing Board serving as the City's Canvassing Board for municipal elections. This option was not included in the proposed ordinance; however, the City Council has the authority to select this option.



Further, Mrs. Link will be present at the August 18, 2021 City Council Meeting to provide specific information concerning this issue.

City Goals:

Enhance Government Stewardship

Accelerate Operational Excellence

Fiscal/Budget Impact:

There is no fiscal impact.

Recommendation:

It is hereby recommended the City Council approve the proposed Ordinance on first reading which allows the sitting elected officials to select its Canvassing Board member as done in surrounding communities.

Attachments:

Proposed Ordinance

Summary of Canvassing Board of Various Palm Beach Municipalities

Communication from Palm Beach County Supervisor of Elections Office

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