

**MINUTES**  
**ELECTORAL BOARD CITY OF WILLIAMSBURG, VA**  
**MEETING April 7, 2020**  
**1 PM Registrar's Office, Municipal Building**

**CALL TO ORDER:** Pam Legere, called the EB to order at 1 PM with Cathie Allport participating by telephone from McGaheysville, VA

**PRESENT:** Pam Legere, Chair; Cathie Allport, Vice Chair via telephone from McGaheysville; Tom Mainor, Secretary; General Registrar, Tina Reitzel ; Deputy Registrar, Haley Snapp; Andrew Trivette, City Manager

**MINUTES OF March 4 & 6, 2020 were approved as emailed.**

**Report of General Registrar:**

1. **Homestead Annual meeting cancelled**
2. **VEBA has been waiting 2 weeks for Governor to make a decision on a proposed postponement of May 5, City Council election to the November 3<sup>rd</sup> General Election.** The General Assembly will meet April 22 in Richmond to act upon the Governor's recommendation regarding election postponement and other legislative matters. The Registrar reported a total of 515 ballots mailed; 127 returned and voted; 22 curbside; 139 Absentee Ballots mailed out,

**NEW BUSINESS**

**MAY ELECTION:** City Manager, Andrew Trivette joined the EB and Registrars Discussion continued regarding the May 5, City Council Election. **The City Manager and General Registrar have developed contingency plans which will move both precincts for the May election to the Fire Station on Lafayette Street.** Two bays—one for each precinct—have been secured for that day. The Fire Department operations will function normally throughout the day. City Police will assist in directing traffic. Social distancing and personal protective equipment will be provided with poll books, voting machines, and necessary numbers of Elections Officers in each bay. Elections Officers are volunteering. Should it be necessary, the City Manager said that a number of City employees also have expressed a willingness to serve as elections officers. Given the increased number voting by mail, we are guessing that the drive-thru voting at the Fire Station would be manageable. In any event, Williamsburg EB and Registrars feel we are positioned to handle the election as finally determined by the General Assembly and Governor. "No excuse" mail-in ballots are acceptable. Signs will be posted at both the Stryker/Community Building and WUMC/Matoaka locations directing voters to the Fire Department.

Should the General Assembly agree with the Governor to postpone the Council Election to the November General Election, a totally new ballot with National State and Local candidates will be required, thus necessitating a new vote by those voting for the May election.

**For the Republican Primary in June, 3000 Ballots have been ordered.**

**L&A Testing, Tuesday, April 21**

**EB expressed unanimous appreciation for the excellent work performed by our Registrar's during this Coronavirus pandemic, with Early Voting, Absentee Ballot and curbside early voting.**

**NEXT MEETING May 6, 2020, 1 PM. Agenda: City Council Certification/Results**

Respectfully Submitted,

Tom Mainor, Secretary Williamsburg Electoral Board