

Elections Committee
Jan. 10, 2022
Public Hearing on Clean Elections

Present: Buxton, Chann, Washburn

Meeting **called to order** 6:05 p.m.

Minutes of Dec. 21 meeting **approved** unanimously.

Buxton: **Introduced** Clean Elections proposal for discussion.

Chann **introduced** public hearing.

Four members of the public **spoke** on the proposal.

Brief discussion of where the final proposal will be posted.

Washburn **moved** referring the proposal to the full commission for consideration; Buxton seconded.

Interlude while Chann drafted amendment.

Buxton moved to amend the proposal to remove campaign contribution limits.
Washburn seconded. Amendment **passed** unanimously.

Washburn moved to amend the proposal to change “mayor, city council, and school board” to “municipal elected offices.” Buxton seconded. Amendment **passed** unanimously.

Buxton moved to amend the proposal to apply a provision on unused funds only to candidates participating in the clean elections program. Washburn seconded.
Amendment **passed** unanimously.

Buxton moved to amend the proposal to specify that the program shall be administered by the City Clerk, rather than by “paid staff.” Washburn seconded. Amendment **passed** unanimously.

Buxton amended the proposal to establish that the City Clerk is responsible for setting up a publicly searchable database of campaign finance information. Washburn seconded. Amendment **passed** unanimously.

Chann proposed amending the proposal to add a financial note estimating costs for the proposal. Buxton moved the amendment; Washburn seconded. Discussion followed. The motion **passed** with Washburn voting no.

Clean elections proposal **passed** unanimously.

Brief discussion of scheduling.

Meeting adjourned unanimously 7:58 p.m.