



CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM

Date: June 9, 2016

To: Brian Kischnick, City Manager

From: M. Aileen Dickson, City Clerk

Subject: Relocation of Election Precinct 29

History

On May 19, 2016, the City Clerk's Office was informed by North Hills Christian Church (3150 N. Adams) that they would no longer be able to house Precinct 29 on election days, effective immediately. North Hills Christian Church offers a very popular preschool program with a busy schedule that they felt conflicted with the demands of being a polling location.

The City Clerk's Office immediately contacted Pastor Cornwall at Central Woodward Christian Church (3955 W. Big Beaver Rd.) who gladly met with us. We toured the proposed polling location and discussed the requirements for being a polling location. Pastor Cornwall and the Board of Trustees, along with staff members of the church, have agreed to house Precinct 29 at their location.

We feel confident that Central Woodward is an ideal location for Precinct 29 for several reasons. First, the hallway leading to and the room housing the precinct are easily identifiable and can accommodate elections with large turnout. In addition, the administration at Central Woodward Christian Church has been very welcoming and are eager to become a polling location. Lastly, the new polling location is housed within the boundary lines for Precinct 29 and the distance from the previous polling location to the new polling location is 0.3 mile or a 5 minute walk, so voters should not experience any significant burden traveling to the location. Attached to this memo is a map detailing the previous and proposed new polling location for Precinct 29.

The Election Commission approved the new polling location on June 3, 2016. If City Council should approve this relocation of Precinct 29, the City Clerk's Office will issue new voter identification cards to the affected voters once the State of Michigan Bureau of Elections processes our change in polling location request. The City Clerk's Office will also issue press releases and alert voters of the change through other available outlets prior to the August 2, 2016 Primary Election, as well as place signs at the previous location on Election Day reminding voters of the polling location change.

Financial

The cost of printing and mailing new voter identification cards to 2,432 voters will be paid from the Elections budget.

Recommendation

City Management recommends approval of the relocation of Precinct 29 from North Hills Christian Church, 3150 N. Adams, to Central Woodward Christian Church, 3955 W. Big Beaver Rd.

Precinct 29 Polling Change

