

MINUTES
New Haven Democracy Fund Board
Special Meeting
July 15, 2008

Present: Caleb Kleppner (chair), Kevin DiAdamo, Lori Kozlowski, Maria Lamberto, and Robert Wechsler (Administrator).

1. Meeting called to order.
2. Approval of minutes from June 16, 2008 meeting.
3. Public comments requested; no public comments offered.
4. Discussion of renewal of contract of administrator Robert Wechsler.

Motion by Lori Kozlowski – The Board recommends re-approval of Robert Wechsler for a one-year term for period of July 1 to June 30 at an increase to \$50 per hour. The increase would be retroactive to July 1, 2008.

After further discussion, motion amended by Caleb Kleppner to provide for an increase in hourly rate to \$40 per hour under the same terms.

Passed 4-0-0.

5. Discussion of potential changes to Democracy Fund Ordinance pertaining to election cycle division.
 - A. Failure of primary to occur.

Motion by Kevin DiAdamo – The Board recommends to the Board of Aldermen that the Ordinance be changed to allow for a rollover of primary contributions and matching funds into the general election campaign in the event there is no primary.

Passed 4-0-0.

- B. \$300 contribution limit.

Motion by Maria Lamberto: The Board recommends that the Ordinance be clarified so that the \$300 contribution limit apply cumulatively as a total for both primary and general campaigns.

Motion was not seconded.

Motion by Lori Kozlowski: The Board recommends that the Board of Aldermen clarify the ordinance so that the \$300 contribution limit apply to each of the primary and general campaigns and thus clarify distinction between funds raised in the primary election and funds spent in the general election.

Passed 3-1-0

C. Discussion of Section 2-251(h)(2) of the Democracy Fund Ordinance.

Motion by Maria Lamberto: The Board recommends that the Board of Alderman delete Section 2-251(h)(2) of the Ordinance so that there are no timing restrictions as to when a qualified candidate in the general election may receive a grant.

Passed 4-0-0

7. Next meeting scheduled for August 11, 2008. Meeting adjourned at 7PM.