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Meeting Minutes - Draft City Council

Tuesday, January 10, 2017

6:00 PM

Council Chambers

Special City Council Meeting/Work Session

6:00 PM - REGULAR AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Pownell called the meeting to order at 6:03 pm.

Present: 6 - Council Member David DeLong, Council Member Suzie Nakasian, Council Member Brad Ness, Council Member Jessica Peterson White, Council Member Erica Zweifel, and Mayor Rhonda Pownell

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

REGULAR AGENDA

1. [17-603](#) Decision on Selection Process and Interview Candidates for Council Vacancy

City Administrator Martig introduced this item and answered questions posed by Council.

The City Council conducted interviews of Council candidates Henry Carras, Mariveliz Arique Aguilar, Joe Gasior, Mark Hofstad, Gregory Colby, Christopher Lambert, Clifford Martin and Jon Denison. Candidates provided an opening statement and answered questions posed by the Council.

Council Members conducted a straw poll to narrow the field of candidates by choosing their top 3 candidates. The results of round 1 were recorded and displayed as follows:

*Pownell - Colby, Gasior, Martin
DeLong - Gasior, Colby, Denison
Nakasian - Colby, Aguilar, Martin
Ness - Gasior, Hofstad, Colby
Peterson White - Aguilar, Martin, Carras
Zweifel - Aguilar, Martin, Lambert*

The top four candidates were:

Non weighted results:

*Aguilar - 3 votes
Colby - 4 votes
Gasior - 3 votes
Martin - 4 votes*

Council conducted a straw poll to narrow the field of candidates to three. The results of round 2 were recorded and displayed as follows:

*Pownell - Colby, Gasior, Martin
DeLong - Gasior, Colby*

*Nakasian - Colby, Aguilar, Martin
Ness - Gasior, Colby, Martin
Peterson White - Aguilar, Martin, Colby
Zweifel - Aguilar, Martin, Colby*

Non weighted results:

*Aguilar - 3 votes
Colby - 6 votes
Gasior - 3 votes
Martin - 5 votes*

Council discussed and asked staff to provide weighted results for round 1 & round 2 polls. The results were displayed as follows:

Round 1 Weighted results:

*Aguilar - 8
Colby - 9
Gasior - 8
Martin - 6*

Round 2 Weighted results:

*Aguilar - 8
Colby - 12
Gasior - 8
Martin - 7*

Council conducted a straw poll on the top 3 candidates from Round 2 weighted results. The results of round 3 were recorded and displayed as follows:

*Pownell - Colby, Gasior
DeLong - Gasior, Colby
Nakasian - Colby, Aguilar
Ness - Gasior, Colby
Peterson White - Aguilar, Colby
Zweifel - Aguilar, Colby*

Round 3 Weighted results:

*Aguilar - 8
Colby - 14
Gasior - 8*

Council discussed the next step. Council Member DeLong suggested the Council appoint Greg Colby as he had the highest weighted results in each round.

2. [Res. 2017-003](#) Approve Appointment to Fill Council Member At-Large Vacancy

A motion was made by Council Member DeLong, seconded by Council Member Nakasian, to approve Resolution 2017-003 - Appointing Gregory Colby to Fill the City Council Member At-Large Vacancy Through December 31, 2017. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 6 - C. DeLong, C. Nakasian, C. Ness, C. Peterson White, C. Zweifel, and Mayor Pownell

Recess

Mayor Pownell asked members if they are willing to meet until 10 pm since the meeting started at 6 pm. Council Member Peterson White suggested that the Council postpone

the Spring Creek Flood item to a future meeting so there would be time to discuss the rules of business item.

The Council took a five minute recess.

3. [17-604](#)

Discussion of County Road 1 Pedestrian Underpass and Trail Improvement Participation.

Public Works Director/City Engineer Bennett introduced this item and answered questions posed by Council.

5. [17-606](#)

Discussion of City Council Rules of Business.

City Administrator Martig introduced this item and answered questions posed by Council. Council discussed and provided input on the rules of business items including: meeting schedule, agenda preparation, use of Roberts Rules, public comment, rules of decorum, Mayoral proclamations, seating arrangement and role of the Mayor.

ADJOURN

A motion was made by Council Member Peterson White, seconded by Council Member Ness, to adjourn the meeting at 9:59 pm. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 6 - C. DeLong, C. Nakasian, C. Ness, C. Peterson White, C. Zweifel, and Mayor Pownell