

CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

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Anne McEnery-Ogle, Mayor

Bart Hansen · Bill Turlay · Ty Stober · Linda Glover · Laurie Lebowsky · Erik Paulsen

January 14, 2019

SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

Vancouver City Hall - Council Chambers - 415 W 6th Street, Vancouver WA

Pledge of Allegiance

Call to Order & Roll Call

The special meeting of the Vancouver City Council was called to order at 4 p.m. by Mayor Anne McEnery-Ogle.

Present: Councilmembers Lebowsky, Glover, Stober, Turlay, Hansen, Mayor McEnery-Ogle

Absent: None

Meeting Protocol & Order of Interviews

Mayor McEnery-Ogle explained that on January 7, the Council had met to determine which candidates they would be interviewing, and those six people were present at this meeting to complete their interviews.

Each Councilmember and the Mayor drew at random the names of the candidates to determine the order in which they would be interviewed as follows:

1. Audrey Mattoon
2. Maureen Montague
3. David Regan
4. Adam Aguilera
5. Erik Paulsen
6. Diana Perez

Mayor McEnerny-Ogle laid out the ground rules for the remainder of the meeting and explained that all candidates except Ms. Mattoon, as she would be going first, would be escorted to the City Manager's Office to be sequestered during the interviews.

The Mayor outlined the format of the interviews, explaining that each candidate would have up to 30 minutes with Council, and each interview would be broken into three parts:

- The candidate has up to 10 minutes to present their credentials to the Council;
- Each Councilmember and the Mayor would then ask a predetermined question, and the candidate would have up to 2 minutes to answer each question;
- In the remaining time, the Councilmembers and Mayor would have an opportunity to ask the candidate follow-up questions.

The Mayor explained that after the interviews, the Council would convene in executive session for about an hour to evaluate candidate qualifications.

Following executive session, Council would reconvene in public session with the goal of taking action on an appointment. She asked City Attorney Bronson Potter to explain what a tie vote would mean, given that the Council has an even number of voting members.

Mr. Potter explained that Council needs a majority vote to pass a motion, so a 3-3 tied vote of the Council would not be a successful vote.

Council Candidate Interviews

Complete candidate interviews may be viewed online at:

https://www.cvtv.org/ajax_video_popup.php?id=27881

Mayor McEnerny-Ogle excused all candidates but Ms. Mattoon before beginning the first interview.

Council interviewed Ms. Mattoon, Ms. Montague, Mr. Regan and Mr. Aguilera from 4:06 to 5:43 p.m.

Council recessed for dinner at 5:44 p.m.

Council reconvened at 6:15 p.m.

Council interviewed Mr. Paulsen and Ms. Perez from 6:15 to 6:58 p.m.

One interview question was provided in advance to the Mayor by each Councilmember. Each applicant was asked and provided answers to the following set of questions during the question-and-answer portion of their interview:

1. Can you give an example of an instance where you collaborated with a group where there was conflict, and how did you resolve it? (Question asked by Councilmember Lebowsky)
2. It is well recognized that homelessness, the I-5 bridge and downtown parking are challenges our city is facing. Considerable time and resources are spent addressing those concerns. Can you identify another challenge and share how you believe the City can tackle that concern? (Question asked by Councilmember Glover)
3. What do you consider to be your neighborhood park, and what would you do to get more people to utilize the park? (Question asked by Councilmember Stober)
4. What budget cuts would you take to balance the budget and meet core services, if it became necessary? (Question asked by Councilmember Turlay)
5. Zoning plays a significant role in economic development. Aside from the Waterfront, could you please provide some examples of zoning changes that have made a significant impact on a neighborhood or subarea? (Question asked by Councilmember Hansen)
6. City Councilors attend not only more than 40 Council meetings a year, they also serve on more than 20 boards and commissions, serve on interview subcommittees several times a month, and are invited to more than 15 events a month. Tell us how you'll find time to serve in this capacity. (Question asked by Mayor McEnerny-Ogle)

Executive Session re: Evaluation of Candidate Qualifications

Mayor McEnerny-Ogle announced that the Council would be entering into executive session from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. for the purpose of evaluating the candidate qualifications.

New Business: Appointment to Council Seat 2

Council reconvened in public session in the Council Chambers at 8:00 p.m.

Mayor McEnerny-Ogle stated that this has been an opportunity for the Council to discuss with these members of the community about what they love about Vancouver and what they can do to help the City move forward. She stated the Council discussed the different positive attributes of each candidate and has a difficult decision now. She noted the Council had not made any decisions in closed session, and she asked the Councilmembers if they wanted to make any comments before opening the meeting up for nominations.

Councilmember Lebowsky stated all of the candidates are great, and she appreciated everyone who had applied. She noted that this process is not easy.

Councilmember Stober stated that the Council will have to pick one person, but his message to the other five candidates is that this interview meeting is the start of a new platform for each of them. They all have opportunities moving forward, and he encouraged them to set themselves up to take advantage of those opportunities, noting that all of the Councilmembers are available to them.

Mayor McEnerny-Ogle opened up the meeting for nominations and asked Councilmember Hansen if he had a nomination. Councilmember Hansen stated he would like to nominate Mr. Paulsen.

Motion by Councilmember Hansen, seconded by Councilmember Turley, and approved unanimously to appoint Erik Paulsen to the vacant Council Seat 2.

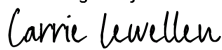
Adjournment

8:08 p.m.

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Anne McEnerny-Ogle, Mayor

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Natasha Ramras, City Clerk
By: Carrie Lewellen, Deputy City Clerk

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