



SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, JANUARY 11, 2022
HELD REMOTELY

Prior to invocation, Mayor Kaminskas reviewed the logistics for this evening's meeting which, per Governor Inslee's Order 20-28.15, was being held remotely. Invocation then took place.

INVOCATION: Given by Councilmember Cargill.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Led by Mayor Kaminskas, City Council, and City Staff.

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Kaminskas called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

City officials who physically attended the meeting: Mayor Kaminskas, Mayor Pro Tem Kennedy, Councilmembers Baird, Cargill, Folyer and Todd Henderson, IT Technician.

City officials who remotely attended the meeting via Zoom: Councilmembers Dunne and Kurtz, Jennifer Camp, Acting City Administrator, Kyle Dixon, Finance Director, Lisa Key, Director of Planning & Engineering, David Williams, City Engineer, Damon Simmons, Police Chief, Trevor Ragan, acting Director of Operations & Maintenance, Kelsey Wright, City Clerk.

AGENDA APPROVAL: Mayor Pro Tem Kennedy moved to approve the agenda as written. Councilmember Cargill moved to add public comment after the interviews, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Kennedy. Following discussion, Councilmember Cargill rescinded his motion while staff researched additional information. Councilmember Cargill moved to change the Executive Session to an open session, seconded by Councilmember Baird. After brief discussion, the mayor called for the vote. Councilmembers Cargill and Baird voted in favor; Councilmembers Kurtz, Folyer, Dunne and Kennedy voted opposed. The motion failed to carry with a final tally of 2-4. Councilmember Cargill moved to add citizen comments after the interviews, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Kennedy. Following discussion, Councilmember Cargill amended his motion to add citizen comments as item 5.5 before interviews, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem. The mayor called for the vote. Councilmembers Kurtz, Baird, Kennedy, Folyer and Cargill voted in favor; Councilmember Dunne voted opposed. The motion carried with a final tally of 5-1. Councilmember Dunne moved to cancel the meeting and postpone to a later date, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Kennedy. Following discussion, the mayor called for the vote. Councilmembers Dunne and Kurtz voted in favor; Councilmembers Baird, Kennedy, Folyer and Cargill voted opposed. The motion failed to carry with a final tally of 2-4. Mayor Pro Tem Kennedy moved to approve with the agenda as amended, seconded by Councilmember Cargill. Councilmembers Kurtz, Baird, Kennedy, Folyer and Cargill voted in favor; Councilmember Dunne voted opposed. The motion carried with a final tally of 5-1.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Councilmember Folyer moved to change the maximum comment period from 3 minutes to 1 minute and 30 seconds, seconded by Councilmember Baird. Following discussion, the mayor called for the vote. The motion carried unanimously.

Heidi Christensen: explained the reason Holly Woodruff's name couldn't be removed from the ballot, and encouraged the council to weigh that process with the County.

Sarah Martin: explained that her and others voted for Holly Woodruff knowing it would be a vote

against Dg Garcia, to give other qualified candidates an opportunity to come forward, such as Stephen Ramirez.

Brittney Ramirez: concurred with Sarah Martin's comments and thanked Councilmember Cargill for encouraging council to allow a voice for the citizens through public comment.

Janet Farness: spoke in support of Dg Garcia as she listens to all viewpoints and has extensive credentials and she would contribute to the values of diversity and equity.

Charmaine Peterson: Spoke regarding the City Attorney as she believes that if the City Attorney can't be present, a substitute be available to fill in in their absence.

INTERVIEW CITY COUNCIL APPLICANTS FOR VACANT SEAT

The following people then interviewed for the vacant position 7 seat: Dg Garcia, Dale Robbins, Wendy VanOrman, Stephen Ramirez, Charles Rodgers, and Mike Behary.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The mayor called for a 5 minute break, followed by a 30 minute executive session, per RCW 42.30.110(1)(h) beginning at 8:30 p.m. The executive session adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

APPOINTMENT OF CITY COUNCIL MEMBER TO POSITION 7

The mayor and city council reconvened the special meeting at 9:00 p.m. Mayor Kaminskas reviewed the process for nominations and voting and then opened the floor for nominations.

Mayor Pro Tem Kennedy nominated Wendy VanOrman, seconded by Councilmember Dunne. Councilmember Cargill nominated Stephen Ramirez, seconded by Councilmember Kurtz.

Mayor Kaminskas called for the vote on the first nomination, Councilmembers Folyer, Dunne, Baird, Kurtz and Kennedy voted in favor; Councilmember Cargill voted opposed. Having received a majority vote, Wendy VanOrman was appointed to Position 7 of the city council.

OATH OF OFFICE FOR NEWLY APPOINTED COUNCILMEMBER

The city clerk then administered the oath of office for Councilmember VanOrman.

ADJOURNMENT: With there being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:09 p.m.

These minutes were approved January 18th, 2022.



Cris Kaminskas, Mayor
City of Liberty Lake



Notes and Transcription by Kelsey Wright. This Council meeting was also audio taped. Anyone desiring to listen to the recording may contact the City Clerk.