

Jackson City Council
Minutes
Special Meeting of January 7, 2008

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

Connie Gonsalves
Al Nunes
Andrew Rodriguez, Vice-Mayor
Rosalie Escamilla, Mayor

CITY STAFF PRESENT:

Michael Daly, City Manager

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT:

None

Mayor Escamilla called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

PUBLIC MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA.

Jack Georgette, Jackson, asked if the public would be able to comment during the portion of the agenda when the City Council applicants make their presentations. Mayor Escamilla noted this would be addressed on the next item.

Thornton Consolo, Jackson, stated he regretfully was unable to attend the last meeting to commend outgoing Councilmember Stidger for his service on the Council and the difficult decision to resign. He noted he has the utmost respect for former Councilmember Stidger and appreciated the service he provided to the City. He also congratulated Mayor Escamilla on her appointment and urged her to keep the City going during her term.

CITY COUNCIL APPLICANT PRESENTATIONS.

City Manager Daly provided a brief update regarding the applicants, noting that Kathy duBois had called earlier in the day to withdraw her name from consideration.

Mayor Escamilla explained the Council will hear from each of the applicants for the City Council position regarding their interest in serving on the Council in place of Drew Stidger. Each applicant will have seven minutes.

The Mayor said following each applicant's presentation, the Council will take public comment before moving on to the next applicant. She noted the purpose of the meeting tonight is to allow for each candidate to put his or her best foot forward. It was determined that questions would not provide a consistent benchmark and a prepared set of questions would give unfair preparation advantage to applicants who present later in the evening. Council members may contact applicants with specific questions prior to the January 14th meeting.

Following the presentations this evening, the Council will continue to accept public comment from constituents throughout the week and at the introduction of this item on the agenda for January 14th. When all public comment has been received, each council member will have the

opportunity to share thoughts, ideas, feelings and opinions about the criteria he or she considers important in making this decision and any other comments specific to the applicants for appointment.

Names of the applicants were drawn in random order and each of the candidates presented themselves to the City Council. The order of candidates was as follows: James Laughton, David Butow, Wayne Garibaldi, Judith Jebian, Kam Merzlak, Marilyn Lewis and Keith Sweet. The only public comment during the presentations was from Thornton Consolo, who commented after Mr. Garibaldi's presentation that the Council should select a candidate who could use good judgment on stepping down from the dias in a conflict of interest situation.

At the end of the presentations, Mayor Escamilla thanked the applicants for their willingness to throw their hat in the ring and interest in their local government. She reminded all in attendance that the Council would be making a selection at the beginning of the regular City Council meeting on January 14, 2008.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Escamilla invited all in attendance to attend the Economic Development Workshop with the Historic Jackson Business Association on Tuesday night and adjourned the meeting.

Adjourn 7:45 p.m.

ATTEST:

Michael Daly, City Manager

Date Approved: January 14, 2008