

Special City Council Meeting
May 24, 2016
6:00 P.M.
City Hall

Council Members Present:

Mayor Michael J. Heitzler; Mayor Pro Tem Mark A. Phillips; Councilmember James (Kimo) Esarey; Councilmember Debra Green-Fletcher; Councilmember Kevin Condon; Councilmember Brandon L. Cox; Councilmember Gregory Habib

Council Members Absent:

Staff Present:

City Administrator Dennis C. Harmon; Assistant City Administrator Jake Broom; City Clerk Kelly J. Lovette

Staff Absent:

Press Present:

I. Call to Order:

Mayor Heitzler called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

II. Comments from the Audience:

There were no comments from the audience.

III. Business:

Councilmember Esarey made a motion to adjust the Agenda and remove the "Request by Universal Storage (SC Abandoned Buildings Revitalization Act)" and to move Executive Session to the first item on the Agenda. Councilmember Condon seconded the motion. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

IV. Executive Session:

Mayor Pro Tem Phillips made a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss a personnel matter (Employment Contract). Councilmember Esarey seconded the motion. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried. (6:16 p.m.)

Mayor Pro Tem Phillips made a motion to come out of Executive Session. Councilmember Esarey seconded the motion. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried. Note: There was no further discussion by City Council and no other motions were made. (6:35 p.m.)

V. Business (Continued):

Candidate Interviews – Architectural Review Board (ARB) & Planning Commission Vacancies – City Council conducted interviews of seven (7) residents who applied for a seat on either the Architectural Review Board (ARB) (one (1) vacancy) or the Planning Commission (three (3) vacancies).

City Council interviewed the following residents for the Architectural Review Board: Ms. Lisa Burdick, 204 Pagoda Tree Drive and Fred Rawles, 112 Santino Court. City Council interviewed the following residents for the Planning Commission: Mr. Gary Berenyi, 126 Eston Drive; Mr. Michael Westmoreland, 107 Holbrook Lane; Ms. Jeanette Fowler, 809 Buckler Street; Mr. Joshua Johnson, 106 Calhoun Avenue; Mr. Josh Lilly, 112 Rockdale Lane; and Mr. Corey McClary, 120 Crystal Street. City Council inquired of each candidate why they wanted to serve on the board/commission in which they applied.

Mayor Heitzler stated Ms. Burdick and Mr. Rawles interviewed for a seat on the ARB, but only one (1) seat was available. He inquired of each member of City Council who they would recommend. After

receiving a response from each member, Councilmember Esarey made a motion to appoint Ms. Lisa Burdick to the Architectural Review Board. Mayor Pro Tem Phillips seconded the motion. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

Mayor Heitzler directed City Council to rank the seven (7) people who interviewed for a seat on the Planning Commission between 1 and 10, with 1 being the most favorable. Mayor Heitzler took roll call of each member of City Council as to their rankings and compiled those numbers on a list of the applicants. Mayor Heitzler stated selections would be made based on the ranking of those with the lowest score. It was concluded the three (3) individuals with the lowest score were Mr. Joshua Johnson, Mr. Gary Berenyi and Ms. Jeanette Fowler.

Councilmember Condon made a motion to appoint Mr. Joshua Johnson, Mr. Gary Berenyi and Ms. Jeanette Fowler to the Planning Commission. Mayor Pro Tem Phillips seconded the motion.

Mayor Pro Tem Phillips stated in the past, after City Council has made their selections, they would create a list of back-ups based on the rankings. Councilmember Esarey made a motion to amend Councilmember Condon's motion and in his motion, he stated for City Council to continue with the ranking of the remaining applicants. There was no second to Councilmember Esarey's motion, therefore, motion failed. Still in discussion under Councilmember Condon's motion, City Council discussed that fact there was not need to make a motion to create a reserve list because an individual would not be officially appointed until the time came when someone resigns from a board. Hearing no further discussion, Mayor Heitzler called for the vote. All in favor, none opposed.

Mayor Heitzler moved on to the remaining names and stated two (2) had a tie in the rankings with their score, Mr. Josh Lily and Mr. Corey McClary. Mayor Heitzler suggested flipping a coin with heads being Mr. Lily and tails Mr. McClary. A coin was flipped and Mayor Heitzler stated the fourth person would be Mr. McClary, and the remainder as follows, Mr. Lily, Mr. Ron Litzenburger and Mr. Michael Westmoreland.

VI. Miscellaneous Business:

Mr. Harmon stated there was nothing to discuss under Miscellaneous Business.

VII. Adjournment

Councilmember Esarey made a motion to adjourn. Councilmember Condon seconded the motion. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:43 p.m.

Minutes approved and adopted:

Date: February 14, 2017

Kelly J. Lovette, MMC
City Clerk

A copy of this meeting's agenda was sent to the Post and Courier and The Goose Creek Gazette; it was posted in City Hall 24 hours prior to the meeting.