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Monday, January 10, 2022

8:30 AM

Council Chambers

Special Meeting to Appoint 3rd District City Councilmember

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1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Present: 8 - Councilmember Yolanda Avila, Councilmember Dave Donelson, President Pro Tem Randy Helms, Councilmember Nancy Henjum, Councilmember Bill Murray, Councilmember Mike O'Malley, President Tom Strand, and Councilmember Wayne Williams

2. New Business

2.A. [21-763](#) Appointment of Stephanie Fortune to fill the unexpired term for the City Council District 3 Vacancy

Presenter:
Tom Strand, City Council President and At-Large Council Representative

President Strand presented the appointment of Stephanie Fortune to fill the unexpired term for the 3rd District City Councilmember and stated per City Charter the position must be filled by appointment by January 31, 2022.

Councilmember Murray requested each of the public speakers identify which district they reside in and for how long.

Citizens Shelly Roehrs, Bill Wysong, Bruce Hamilton, June Waller, Felicia Mendingrall, Clover Dilahunte, Jaymen Johnson, Dana Dugan, Walter Lawson, John Spangler, Donna Strom, Cully Radvillas, and Marsha Mi spoke in opposition of Ms. Fortune as City Council representative for the 3rd District and several of them spoke in support of changing the City Charter to allow the voters to choose their representative instead of filling the position by appointment

Citizens Laura Neumann, Linda Weiss, Christina Wells, Jen Furda, Bob McLaughlin, Jeff Grady, Amy Stevens, Jackie Burning, Pam Keller, Luke Travins, Deborah Hendrix, Jennifer Worling, Larry Yonker, Justin Burns, Renee Behr, Becky Lineweber, Cindy Aubrey, and Ed Behr, spoke in favor of Ms. Fortune as City Council representative for the 3rd District.

Councilmember Williams asked if the contract for the home Ms. Fortune currently resides in was signed prior to former Councilmember Skorman's resignation. Ms. Behr, Real Estate Agent, confirmed it was and Ms. Fortune chose to move to District 3 over two years ago.

Ms. Fortune stated she is ready to serve the City and gave an overview of her experience, qualifications, and passion to represent District 3 as City Councilmember.

Councilmember Helms, and Councilmember Williams spoke in support of Ms. Fortune as representative for the 3rd District.

Councilmember Murray, Councilmember Henjum, and Councilmember Avila, stated in support of the citizens of District 3 who are opposed to the appointment, they will not be supporting the appointment of Ms. Fortune

Councilmember Donelson stated he will be supporting Sallie Clarke for appointment as 3rd District City Councilmember.

President Strand explained the application and interview process which occurred per City Charter requirements.

Motion by Councilmember Williams, seconded by Councilmember O'Malley, to appoint Stephanie Fortune to fill the unexpired term for the 3rd District City

Councilmember. The motion failed by a vote of 4-4-0-0

Aye: 4 - Helms, O'Malley, Strand, and Williams

No: 4 - Avila, Donelson, Henjum, and Murray

President Strand stated they will schedule a Special City Council meeting to appoint the 3rd District City Councilmember before the January 31, 2022 deadline.

3. Adjourn

There being no further business to come before City Council, Council adjourned.

Sarah B. Johnson, City Clerk