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Friday, January 14, 2022

1:00 PM

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 Discussion and vote 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 discussion and vote to fill the unexpired term for the City Council District 3 vacancy and stated under City Charter, the position must be filled by appointment by January 31, 2022.

Citizens Cathy Perry, Glen Hodge, and Clover Dillahunty spoke in support

of Terry Martinez as City Council representative for the 3rd District.

Citizen Jaymen Johnson requested there be a more comprehensive City Council in order to address the issues of the citizens.

Citizens RC Smith, Glen Hodge, Bill Wysong, Brian Omanson, and Dana Dugan spoke in support of Sallie Clark as the City Council representative for the 3rd District.

Citizen Christina Wells spoke in support of Stephannie Fortune as the City Council representative for the 3rd District.

Citizen June Waller spoke in support of Toby Gannett as the City Council representative for the 3rd District.

Citizen Bruce Hamilton stated there will be a perception of corruption if Ms. Fortune is appointed to the position because she was allowed to modify her application to fit the 750-character count limit.

Citizen Sam Masias spoke about the need to address infrastructure improvements in District 3.

Citizen Walter Lawson spoke in favor of Terry Martinez, Toby Gannett, or Sallie Clark as the City Council representative for the 3rd District.

Citizens Eva Syrovy, John Spengler, Sam Jaraoedi spoke in opposition of Ms. Fortune as the City Council representative for the 3rd District.

Citizen Kathleen Riger spoke in support of Terry Martinez and Toby Gannett as the City Council representative for the 3rd District.

Citizen Anthony Cabellero expressed his endorsement (did not identify which candidate).

Councilmember Donelson nominated Sallie Clark as City Council representative for the 3rd District.

President Strand polled Council regarding the proceedings and it was decided to move forward with hearing from the candidates in the following order: Mr. Gannett, Mr. Martinez, Ms. Clark, and Ms. Fortune.

Mr. Gannett, Mr. Martinez, and Ms. Clark gave an overview of their experience and how they will contribute to the community if they were appointed as City Council representative for the 3rd District.

Councilmember Murray stated he will be supporting Ms. Clark.

Motion by Councilmember Henjum, seconded by Councilmember Avila, to appoint Toby Gannett to fill the unexpired term for the 3rd District City Councilmember. The motion failed by a vote of 2-6-0-0

Aye: 2 - Avila, and Henjum

No: 6 - Donelson, Helms, Murray, O'Malley, Strand, and Williams

Councilmember Henjum and Councilmember Avila stated they will be supporting Mr. Martinez.

Motion by Councilmember Avila, seconded by Councilmember Henjum, to appoint Terry Martinez to fill the unexpired term for the 3rd District City Councilmember. The motion failed by a vote of 2-6-0-0

Aye: 2 - Avila, and Henjum

No: 6 - Donelson, Helms, Murray, O'Malley, Strand, and Williams

Motion by Councilmember Donelson, seconded by Councilmember Henjum, to appoint Sallie Clark to fill the unexpired term for the 3rd District City Councilmember. The motion failed by a vote of 4-4-0-0

Aye: 4 - Avila, Donelson, Henjum, and Murray

No: 4 - Helms, O'Malley, Strand, and Williams

Councilmember Henjum stated she supports the candidate which was chosen by the citizens of District 3, but also wants collaboration and a united council.

Councilmember Murray stated he believes Ms. Clark is the better choice for the citizens and the district and requested City Councilmembers to hold their ground and vote for the candidate they feel is best for the community.

Councilmember Helms and Councilmember Williams stated they will be supporting Ms. Fortune.

Councilmember Donelson stated he provided his colleagues and opportunity to vote for Ms. Clark or other candidates but since it takes five votes to pass the nomination which did not occur, he will return his vote to

Ms. Fortune.

Motion by Councilmember Williams, seconded by Councilmember O'Malley, to appoint Stephannie Fortune to fill the unexpired term for the 3rd District City Councilmember. The motion passed by a vote of 5-3-0-0

Aye: 5 - Donelson, Helms, O'Malley, Strand, and Williams

No: 3 - Avila, Henjum, and Murray

3. Adjourn

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

Sarah B. Johnson, City Clerk