



City of Colorado Springs

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1. Call to Order

Present: 9 - Councilmember Yolanda Avila, Councilmember Dave Donelson, Councilmember Randy Helms, Councilmember Nancy Henjum, Councilmember Bill Murray, Councilmember Mike O'Malley, President Richard Skorman, President Pro Tem Tom Strand, and Councilmember Wayne Williams

2. New Business

2.A. [21-205](#) Election of City Council President and President Pro Tem

Presenter:

Richard Skorman, City Council President

President Skorman asked for nominations from City Council for the position of City Council President. President Skorman nominated President Pro Tem Strand and stated he would be very valuable as President due to his experience, knowledge, and believes he would run very efficient meetings.

President Skorman nominated President Pro Tem Strand for the position of City Council President. The nomination was seconded by Councilmember Avila. The nomination passed by a vote of 8-1-0-0

Aye: 8 - Avila, Donelson, Helms, Henjum, O'Malley, Skorman, Strand, and Williams

No: 1 - Murray

President Skorman asked for nominations for the position of President Pro Tem. Councilmember Murray nominated Councilmember Donelson because he believes he well qualified for the position. Councilmember Helms seconded.

Councilmember Henjum nominated President Skorman because she feels that someone who has already been on City Council should be in the leadership roles. President Pro Tem Strand seconded.

Councilmember Donelson stated he decided to seek the position of President Pro Tem due to the declining participation of voters in City Council elections and would like voters to see that when they vote, things can change, to broaden the experience of the remaining City Councilmembers when there is the turnover of City Councilmembers in two years, and to provide a different energy level to the position and a fresh outlook. He stated he would be hard working and dedicated in the position of President Pro Tem.

Councilmember Helms stated he supports Councilmember Donelson as President Pro Tem to bring a new Councilmember into a role of leadership. Councilmember Murray stated new leadership is needed and is wanted by the public and he supports Councilmember Donelson in the role as President Pro Tem. Councilmember O'Malley stated he supports Councilmember Donelson as President Pro Tem and would like to give him a chance as a leader.

President Skorman stated he would like to be President Pro Tem to continue to utilize his regional contacts in a leadership role as well as due to his experience on City Council. Councilmember Avila spoke in support of President Skorman as President Pro Tem due to the institutional knowledge he brings to the table. Councilmember Williams stated he supports President Skorman as President Pro Tem due to his background and experience. President Pro Tem Strand stated he supports President Skorman due to his experience as a small business owner, his involvement with Parks, Trails and Open Spaces (TOPS), his passion for what is right for the people, wildfire mitigation, and resolving drainage and flooding issues.

Councilmember Murray nominated Councilmember Donelson for the position of

City Council President Pro Tem. Councilmember Helms seconded the nomination.

Councilmember Henjum nominated President Skorman for the position of City Council President Pro Tem. President Pro Tem Strand seconded the nomination.

The result of the roll call vote was: President Skorman was elected President Pro Tem by a vote of 5-4-0-0

Councilmember Avila - President Skorman

Councilmember Donelson - Councilmember Donelson

Councilmember Helms - Councilmember Donelson

Councilmember Henjum - President Skorman

Councilmember Murray - Councilmember Donelson

Councilmember O'Malley - Councilmember Donelson

President Skorman - President Skorman

President Pro Tem Strand - President Skorman

Councilmember Williams - President Skorman

15. Adjourn

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

Sarah B. Johnson, City Clerk