



City of Colorado Springs

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Meeting Minutes City Council

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Tuesday, April 18, 2017

2:00 PM

Council Chambers

Special Called meeting of City Council to elect President and President Pro Tem

1. Call to Order

Present: 8 - Councilmember Merv Bennett, Councilmember Jill Gaebler, Councilmember David Geislinger, Councilmember Don Knight, Councilmember Bill Murray, Councilmember Andy Pico, President Richard Skorman, and President Pro Tem Tom Strand

2. New Business

2.A. [16-720](#) Election of Council President and President Pro Tem

Presenter:
Council President Merv Bennett

Council President Merv Bennett asked for nominations from Council for Council President. Councilmember Murray nominated Richard Skorman.
Councilmember Knight nominated Merv Bennett.

Councilmember Skorman and President Bennett each spoke briefly about what they hope to accomplish in the role:

Councilmember Skorman said he plans to work well with Council to ensure they have the support they need to be effective, and work well with the Mayor. He has no divisive energy or agendas, and is honored to be involved in the City and work with the great staff.

President Bennett said that if re-elected he would continue the work he's been doing over the last term in partnership with the Mayor, working as a team to find viable and sustainable solutions for the City.

Councilmember Murray nominated Richard Skorman. Councilmember Knight nominated Merv Bennett.

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

**Avila - Skorman
Bennett - Bennett**

Gaebler - Skorman
Geislinger - Skorman
Knight - Bennett
Murray - Skorman
Pico - Bennett
Skorman - Skorman
Strand - Bennett

Councilmember Merv Bennett asked for nominations from Council for President Pro Tem. Councilmember Murray nominated Jill Gaebler. Councilmember Pico nominated Don Knight.

President Pro Tem Gaebler and Councilmember Knight each spoke briefly about what they hope to accomplish in the role:

President Pro Tem Gaebler said that she has been a strong partner with this President and will work very well with the new President toward making Council a stronger, more proactive legislative body working with the Mayor; but also having its own priorities and strategic vision, working to make our City an even better place to live.

Councilmember Knight said that if elected President Pro Tem he will be able to provide balance, as he and President Skorman are on different sides of the political spectrum, and that balanced leadership will show the community we are open to both sides. As a Council we haven't operated very efficiently, lacking internal policies and procedures; he would concentrate on helping Council to operate more efficiently than we have in the past.

Councilmember Murray nominated Jill Gaebler. Councilmember Pico nominated Don Knight. The result of the roll call vote was: Jill Gaebler was elected President Pro Tem by a vote of 5-4-0

Avila - Gaebler
Bennett - Knight
Gaebler - Gaebler
Geislinger - Gaebler
Knight - Knight
Murray - Gaebler
Pico - Knight
Skorman - Gaebler
Strand - Knight

3. Adjourn

Chief of Staff Jeffrey Greene thanked President Bennett for his service over the past term.

There being no further business before Council, Council was adjourned.

Sarah B. Johnson