



**BUCKLEY CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA
May 5, 2009
Multi-Purpose Center, 811 Main Street
City Council Meeting
Opening 7:00 P.M.**

Call to Order
Pledge of Allegiance
Roll Call of Council Members

Next Ordinance #06-09
Next Resolution #09-09
Next Agenda Bill #AB09-44

Main Agenda

10. Interview of City Council Candidates
- 11. Executive Session – Council Candidates Qualifications**
12. Appointment of new City Council Member

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Mayor Johnson called the Special City Council meeting to order at 7:04 PM.

Upon roll call the following members were present: Boyle Barrett, Ramsey, McNally, Montgomery and Twardoski. Also in attendance were City Administrator Dave Schmidt and City Attorney Phil Olbrechts. Council member Reed arrived at 7:36 PM.

Mayor Johnson stated that tonight we are going to be interviewing the three candidates who have applied for the Council position vacated by Ron Weigelt. We would prefer to interview each candidate individually while the other two remain in the lobby area; however, this is an open public meeting so if a candidate chooses not to leave, they cannot be forced. In that case, we will have all three at the table at the same time and ask them all the same questions in a rotating order so no one candidate will answer every question first. Mayor Johnson asked the three candidates if they wanted to leave the room, or if they all wanted to be at the same table at the same time. The candidates agreed to be interviewed one at a time with the other two waiting in the lobby. Mayor Johnson explained that a drawing would be held to determine the order of the interviews. The drawing was held and the order of interviews was: (1) Melissa Patson; (2) Bryan Howard; and (3) Marvin Sundstrom.

Mayor Johnson explained that after all three candidates are interviewed that the Council may choose to go into Executive Session to discuss but not decide. After the Executive Session we will draw the names of the Council members to determine the order in which Council members will make nominations. The nomination does not require a second. If there is a tie vote, I can break the tie. If there is not a majority, we will draw another Council member's name to make another nomination. Mayor Johnson asked the candidates if they all understand the procedures. She said we are going to try to make it as fair as we can. It is a tough decision. Looking at the applications, everybody is well qualified for the position.

Mayor Johnson said before the candidates leave the room, she wants to explain what is expected. Even people who have been attending meetings sometimes don't have a concept of what is involved. Not only are there two Council meetings a month but, like tonight, there are special meetings, and on Friday we have a retreat. You will serve on two committees and chair a third committee. So, you can look forward to at least three committee meetings a month, sometimes more. As chairman of the committee you will be responsible for the meeting minutes, and making sure that they get to the Deputy Clerk in a timely fashion so they make it into the Council packets. You will also report to the full Council about what was discussed at your committee meeting. You need to come to your meetings prepared, and that means picking up your packet which is prepared by staff on Thursday before the Council meeting, and sometimes it is not ready until 6 PM. You then have all weekend to go over it and if you have any questions you have all day Monday and Tuesday to get any questions answered or clarification that you might need.

You will be asked on many occasions to attend meetings outside the City. The more people we have out on County boards and attending County meetings, the more exposure we get to our projects and the more likely we are going to be able to get grants. Last but not least, it is always important to be a team player. Not everything that you want is going to be approved by the Council, but you need to move forward with it. It is an interesting job and I think everyone here at the table has really enjoyed what they are doing and we do make a difference. Mayor Johnson said that is what I expect from you. With that, Mayor Johnson stated that Ms. Patson is first and asked the two gentlemen to excuse themselves. Mayor Johnson stated that we will go around the table and each Council member will ask their question.

MAIN AGENDA

Interview of City Council Candidates:

Melissa Patson
Bryan Howard
Marvin Sundstrom

Mayor Johnson explained that each Council member had submitted a question, and we will go around the table and each Council member will ask their question, after which the candidate will have an opportunity to ask questions of the Council, and then there will be a short question and answer period for Council members to ask any additional questions they may have. Each candidate was interviewed in this manner.

The interviews concluded at 8:09 PM and Mayor Johnson asked the Council if they wished to retreat into Executive Session, which they chose not to do.

Council members thanked each candidate for their interest and for being there and participating in the selection process, and encouraged all the candidates to stay involved, run for office or fill a vacant Planning Commission seat.

A drawing was held to determine which Council member would make the first nomination. The first name chosen was Council member Montgomery who nominated Marvin Sundstrom. There were two votes, which was not a majority, so another name was drawn. The second name drawn was Council member Ramsey who nominated Melissa Patson. There were four votes. Mayor Johnson stated that is a majority and according to the rules Melissa Patson receives the nomination for the City Council.

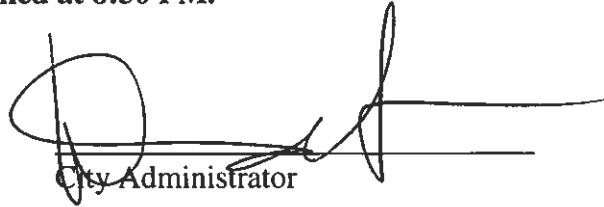
Mayor Johnson stated at the next Council meeting we will be swearing in Melissa Patson.

Mayor Johnson said this concludes our business for this evening and reminded Council members of the retreat scheduled on Friday, May 8th. The retreat will be from 1PM to 4PM at City Hall.

With nothing further the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM.



Mayor



City Administrator