



City Council Minutes

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City Council Chambers, 747 Market Street, First Floor, Tacoma, Washington 98402

February 8, 2001

Special Meeting of the Tacoma City Council

The meeting was called to order at 5:07 p.m.

Present on roll call: 6 – Evans, McGavick, Miller, Moss, Phelps, and Mayor Crowley.

Absent: 1 – De Forrest.

The Flag Salute was led by Council Member Moss.

REGULAR AGENDA

Mayor Crowley stated that tonight's special City Council meeting was being held to interview applicants for the vacant City Council At-Large Position 6 and Council District No. 5 positions. Mayor Crowley then explained the interview process. He stated that the applicants would be interviewed in alphabetical order. He stated that each applicant would give up to a three-minute presentation. Mayor Crowley stated that each presentation would be timed by a time clock and then explained how the time clock worked.

**Interviews of City Council Applicants for At-Large
Position No. 6 and District No. 5 Positions:**

Barry Benson
Lawrence E. Dahl
Douglas A. Delin
Timothy M. Farrell
Brandon Michael Fix
Minh-Anh T. Hodge
Beth A. Jensen
David W. King
Connie Ladenburg
Michael H. Lonergan
John I. McGinnis
Stephen T. Muller
Alisa Regala O'Hanlon

Aaron Pointer
Sally P. Ramos
Paul Robson
Marilee Jones Scarbrough
Carl Scheuerman
Carol L. Sloman
Michael J. Stortini
Bernardo Tuma
Travis Jeremiah Valbert

The Council recessed at 6:41 p.m. and reconvened at 6:54 p.m.

Mayor Crowley complimented the quality of the candidates and reminded everyone that the interviews were just part of the process. He stated that they received applications, resumes, met with candidates, received letters and telephone calls, and that the interviews would be only one tool used for making their decision. Mayor Crowley then thanked City Clerk Doris Sorum and her staff for assembling all of the applications and keeping the City Council and the applicants informed. He also thanked City Attorney Robin Jenkinson for her patience in responsibly answering questions regarding the hiring process.

COMMENTS OF CITY COUNCIL

Council Member McGavick stated that she is the only member of the current City Council who has been through this process. She stated that she was appointed seven years ago. She then congratulated all the candidates on their presentations and thanked them for their commitment to the City. She stated that it was an honor for her to sit on the City Council.

Council Member Moss stated that she was pleased with the diversity, intelligence, and experience of each of the applicants. She stated that there are a lot of places in the City where these applicants can honorably serve.

Deputy Mayor Phelps thanked staff for all their help. He stated his disappointment because he had hoped that at the conclusion of the interviews he would have a clear understanding of who he would like to have serving on the City Council, but that there were many whom he thought could do a good job. He stated that he was impressed with the diversity and enthusiasm of the applicants. He stated that, regardless of the outcome, he hopes to work with many of the applicants in the future.

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Council Member Miller stated that each of the applicants would bring good qualities, which would make a better City Council. He stated that he was proud of living in a community, which has produced such qualified people who are willing to commit themselves to this process and service. He stated that making a final selection would be difficult.

Council Member Evans stated that it is a tribute to our City that so many people have been brave and strong enough to present themselves to the City Council for the vacant positions. He stated that it would be a tremendous dilemma to make the final selections.


Mayor Crowley thanked everyone for being respectful of the time. He stated they had interviewed 22 people in just a little over three hours.

Deputy Mayor Phelps moved to excuse Council Member De Forrest from tonight's meeting. Seconded by Council Member Moss. Voice vote was taken and carried. The motion was declared adopted.

On proper motion, the meeting was adjourned at 8:33 p.m.



MIKE CROWLEY, MAYOR

ATTEST: 

DORIS SORUM, CITY CLERK