

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JERSEY VILLAGE, TEXAS, HELD ON MAY 06, 2019 AT 6:00 P.M. IN THE CIVIC CENTER, 16327 LAKEVIEW, JERSEY VILLAGE, TEXAS.

A. CALL TO ORDER AND ANNOUNCE A QUORUM IS PRESENT

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Ray at 6:00 p.m. with the following present:

Mayor, Justin Ray	City Manager, Austin Bless
Council Member, Andrew Mitcham	City Secretary, Lorri Coody
Council Member, Greg C. Holden	
Council Member, Bobby Warren	
Council Member, James Singleton	
Council Member, Gary Wubbenhorst	

B. COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP ITEMS

1. Receive presentation of qualifications from interested applicants.

Mayor Justin Ray introduced the item. Background information is as follows: Council Member Mitcham, who currently serves in Place 1, had submitted his application for a place on the May 4, 2019 ballot as Mayor. Given that there were no other applicants for this position, Council Member Mitcham ran unopposed. Once Council Member Mitcham takes the oath as Mayor on May 13, 2019, he will automatically resign his position as Council Member Place 1, creating a vacancy on City Council.

The City Charter provides that vacancies on the council arising from any cause shall be filled by a vote of the council. Additionally, the City Charter, Section 2.03 provides that a council position filled by appointment shall be filled by election at the next city general election.

On March 18, 2019, City Council directed staff to post notice in the April issue of the JV Star and on the City website, seeking applicants interested in being appointed to the vacant Council Member Place 1 position until the next General Election.

In the notice, applicants were asked to file application for the position with the City Secretary by 12 PM on May 1, 2019. They were also invited to attend the May 06, 2019 Special City Council Meeting in order to deliver a three to five minute presentation concerning their qualifications for office and to give an explanation outlining their desire to hold office. The notice was followed up with a formal letter to each candidate that timely filed an application reminding them of the May 06, 2019 meeting date and time.

This item is to receive presentations from the applicants.

After explaining how this process is going to be conducted, Mayor Ray began with the presentation process. He thanked the applicants for their interest and conducted a roll call of the applicants. All were present.

Applicants were then called in the following order to give their presentation:

Nora Hahn
Robert Ottmann
Judy Tidwell

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Simon Hughes
Michael Stembridge
Michael Drew Wasson
Joe Pennington

Upon completing each presentation, each Council Member was afforded a two (2) minute question and answer session with each applicant if needed.

Upon completion of the presentations, Council did not find it necessary to convene an Executive Session pursuant to the Texas Open Meetings Act, Section 551.074. Therefore, items C through E were not called.

C. RECESS THE SPECIAL SESSION – NOT CALLED

Recess the Special Session to Convene into Executive Session pursuant to the Texas Open Meetings Act, Government Code Section 551.074 - Appointment of a public officer.

D. EXECUTIVE SESSION – NOT HELD

1. **Pursuant to the Texas Open Meetings Act Section 551.074 - Conduct an Executive Session in order to deliberate the appointment of a public officer (Councilmember Place 1).**

E. ADJOURN EXECUTIVE SESSION – NOT CALLED

Adjourn the Executive Session, stating the date and time the Executive Session ended and Reconvene the Special Session.

F. SPECIAL SESSION - COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP ITEMS CONTINUED

1. **Conduct possible follow-up questioning of applicants, and consider Resolution No. 2019-19, making an appointment to fill the vacancy of City Councilmember, Place 1 effective upon the position becoming vacant when Councilmember Mitcham is sworn in as Mayor, which is anticipated to be on or about Monday, May 13, 2019 acknowledging that the position shall be filled by election at the next city general election.**

Mayor Justin Ray asked if City Council had any follow-up questions for the applicants or comments. Following are comments made by each Council Member:

Council Member Greg Holden felt that the presentations were phenomenal, making the decision very difficult. He outlined the process he will take in making his decision as follows:

1. The appointed person will be by a vote of City Council. He encouraged those not appointed to stay involved;
2. Characteristics needed for consideration – knowledgeable, trustworthy, good communication skills, unbiased, able to give meaningful contribution, possess an understanding of Municipal Government and a desire to go above and beyond;

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3. Appointee must share the same vision; and
4. Appointee must share the same values of the person they are replacing.

In closing, Council Member Holden stated that he has served with 20 of the last 23 Council Members over the past 18 years. This decision will come down to a “gut” feeling, the information received tonight, and the information that he has received from residents prior to tonight’s meeting. He thanked everyone for making a presentation.

Council Member Wubbenhorst stated that there will only be one winner.

Council Member Singleton stated that this is a tough decision. He too has had off-line conversations with residents that have narrowed the field of applicants down to two (2). In making his final selection, Council Member Singleton feels that the appointed applicant must have the ability to run a campaign.

Council Member Warren stated that members of the current City Council all share the same vision for the City because each was elected by the same electorate. The position being filled is Council Member Place 1 – Andrew Mitcham’s seat; therefore, it is important to consider the things that Council Member Mitcham feels are important in making this decision. He also stated that in addition to tonight’s presentations, he too has received much input from residents that is important to consider in making this decision. The bulk of the communications equally supported two (2) of the applicants. In making this decision, he stated that community involvement will also be considered.

Council Member Mitcham stated that we have a great group of applicants and he encouraged those not chosen tonight to stay involved. Currently, there is much going on in Jersey Village, and we need your talent. He stated that his choice will be the applicant that best mirrors his vision for the City. The appointment will be to fill the unexpired term of Council Member Place 1.

Having no more comments, Mayor Ray called upon each Council Member by name to take the roll call vote, asking each Council Member to state the name of the applicant of their choice as follows:

<u>Council Member’s Name</u>	<u>Name of Desired Applicant</u>
Council Member Mitcham, state your vote	Drew Wasson
Council Member Holden, state your vote	Drew Wasson
Council Member Warren, state your vote	Drew Wasson
Council Member Singleton, state your vote	Simon Hughes
Council Member Wubbenhorst, state your vote	Judy Tidwell

Mayor Ray then announced that Applicant Drew Wasson had received a majority of the votes of Council for the appointment. With no additional voting necessary, Mayor Ray called for a motion on Resolution No. 2019-19. Accordingly, Council Member Mitcham moved to approve Resolution No. 2019-19, appointing Drew Wasson to fill the vacancy of City Councilmember, Place 1 effective upon the position becoming vacant when Council Member Mitcham is sworn in as Mayor, which is anticipated to be on or about Monday, May 13, 2019 acknowledging that the position shall be filled by election at the

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next city general election. The motion was seconded by Council Member Wubbenhorst. The vote follows:

Ayes: Council Members Mitcham, Holden, Warren, Singleton, and Wubbenhorst

Nays: None

The motion carried.

2. Discuss and take appropriate action concerning an update on the Golf Course Clubhouse and Convention Center Project.

Jason Alfaro, Director of Parks and Recreation, introduced the item. Background information is as follows: During February's regularly scheduled council meeting the convention center and clubhouse layout/design was approved as substantially presented. Since that time, staff has been working with PGAL to complete the interior designs and materials selection. We have had multiple meetings with PGAL over the past few months and have discussed various options in regards to the interior materials. In the handout provided, we have included an updated site plan and an interior materials list. Staff feels that the materials selected will create an upscale feel to the facility, keep maintenance to a minimum, and stay in line with our budget.

Parks and Recreation Director Alfaro walked City Council through the materials included in the Council Packet. Council engaged in discussion about the various materials and the floor plans.

The process for selecting the "finishes" was discussed. Mr. Alfaro explained that the samples are presented by the Consultant's interior designer who provides a pallet from which Staff makes selections that will stay within the appropriated budget. Council had concerns about the porcelain wood tile flooring in that it looks like parquet, which is not acceptable. Others felt the carpeting was strange and looked like something from the 1970's. It was also mentioned that the gold fixtures seem to be dated. It was the consensus of Council that the choices should be at a minimum traditional but timeless is better.

Mr. Alfaro told Council that the design is about 75% complete. The plan is to go out for bid on May 15 with the first publication and the second publication on May 22. He hopes to have a contract to bring back to Council at the June City Council Meeting.

G. ADJOURN

There being no further business on the Agenda the meeting was adjourned at 7:10 p.m.



Lorri Coody, City Secretary