



City of Willowick
City Council Special Meeting
Thursday, December 22, 2022 at 6:30 PM
City Council Chambers

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Minutes

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

The Special Meeting of Council was called to order by Council President Patton at 6:30 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

INVOCATION

ROLL CALL

PRESENT

Council President Robert Patton
Ward 1 Councilwoman Monica Koudela
Ward 2 Councilwoman Natalie Antosh
Ward 2 Councilwoman Theresa Bisbee
Ward 3 Councilman David Phares

ALSO PRESENT

Mayor Vanni and Council Clerk Trend.

MISCELLANEOUS

Council President Patton explained that time allotted for each Ward 1 candidate interview would be ten minutes. The interviews are open to the public therefore the door will remain open to the Council Conference Room where the interviews will take place at the round table. The order of the interviews was determined by alphabetical order of the candidates last name. Once the interviews are complete Council will adjourn to Executive Session. Upon returning to the table from Executive Session, Council will vote on who the Ward 1 councilperson will be.

Candidate interviews for the seat vacancy in Ward:

Danial Bennett

6:34 p.m. - 6:51 p.m.

Mr. Bennett was given the opportunity to explain why he should be selected for the Ward 1 seat.

Mr. Bennett stated that he is a critical thinker and a problem solver and wants to be a part of resolving issues within the city. He would also like to see the Council meetings streamed as a way for the residents to get correct information about the city.

Adam Fortney

6:52 p.m. - 6:59 p.m.

Mr. Fortney was given the opportunity to explain why he should be selected for the Ward 1 seat.

Mr. Fortney stated he is interested with what is going on in the city and would like to be involved in city government. He is a leader and enjoys working with people and the community.

Nikolas Janek

7:00 p.m. - 7:14 p.m.

Mr. Janek was given the opportunity to explain why he should be selected for the Ward 1 seat.

Mr. Janek stated he would like to work with the community and bring people together. He feels he would be good for communication between Council and the people. He would like to find out what the peoples needs are and help them.

Tom Loncala

7:15 p.m. - 7:24 p.m.

Mr. Loncala was given the opportunity to explain why he should be selected for the Ward 1 seat.

Mr. Loncala stated that he has always been interested in the form of government within the city and thought this would be an opportunity for him to learn. He would like to see more life brought into the city as well.

Devon McFarland

7:24 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Mr. McFarland was given the opportunity to explain why he should be selected for the Ward 1 seat.

Mr. McFarland stated his grandfather instilled in him the values of community services and helping others. He has developed leadership skills during his journey to become and Eagle Scout. He has found the best way to help people is through government and government services and feels this opportunity will be the best way for him to help the most amount of people.

Patrick Mohorcic

7:30 p.m. - 7:49 p.m.

Mr. Mohorcic was given the opportunity to explain why he should be selected for the Ward 1 seat.

Mr. Mohorcic stated that he has a passion for public service and for Lake County. He understands the accounting process and how tight municipal budgets can be. He has also done a lot of work with developing the lakefront and shoreline in Lake County and working on the erosion issues.

Jacob Rositano

7:51 p.m. - 8:01 p.m.

Mr. Rositano was given the opportunity to explain why he should be selected for the Ward 1 seat.

Mr. Rositano states he would like to be more involved in the community and to be able to help and make it even better than it already is. He is passionate about serving people and believes that change can happen at the local level.

Duane Yarletts

8:02 p.m. - 8:10 p.m.

Mr. Yarletts was given the opportunity to explain why he should be selected for the Ward 1 seat.

Mr. Yarletts stated that he has served on the Board of Zoning Appeals for many years in the city and has wanted to be a part of City Council. He understands the direction that the city wants to go and would like to see the city move more toward the 21st Century without changing the heart of it.

ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion made by Mr. Malta, seconded by Ms. Antosh to adjourn to Executive Session to discuss the appointment/employment of a public employee or official at 8:11 p.m.

Discussion: None.

Vote: All ayes. Motion carried.

RETURN TO TABLE FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion made by Mr. Phares, seconded by Ms. Antosh to return to the table from Executive Session at 8:44 p.m.

Discussion: None.

Vote: All ayes. Motion carried.

Council President Patton explained the two voting options:

Option 1: each separate nomination will be voted on by all council members.

Option 2: the members stated nominee constitutes their vote.

Councilmembers agreed to option 2.

Council President Patton opened the floor for nominations/vote for the Ward 1 vacancy.

1. Ms. Antosh nominated/voted for Nikolas Janek.
2. Ms. Bisbee nominated/voted for Tom Loncala.
3. Ms. Koudela nominated/voted for Patrick Mohorcic.
4. Mr. Malta nominated/voted for Patrick Mohorcic.
5. Mr. Phares nominated/voted for Patrick Mohorcic.
6. Mr. Patton nominated/voted for Patrick Mohorcic.

Thereupon Patrick Mohorcic was appointed to the Ward 1 council seat.

Mayor Vanni administered the oath of office.

OTHER BUSINESS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Ms. Antosh, seconded by Mr. Phares to adjourn.

Discussion: None.

Vote: All ayes. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:54 p.m.



PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

ATTEST: 
CLERK OF COUNCIL