

CITY OF LACONIA - CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING

July 27, 2020

6:00 P.M. (via Zoom)

7/27/2020 - Minutes

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Hosmer called the meeting to order at the above date and time.

As Mayor of the Laconia City Council, due to the COVID-19/Coronavirus crisis and in accordance with Governor Sununu's Emergency Order #12 pursuant to Executive Order 2020-04, this Board is authorized to meet electronically. Please note that there is no physical location to observe and listen to the meeting, which was authorized pursuant to the Governor's Emergency Order. However, in accordance with the Emergency Order, this is to confirm that we are:

a) Providing public access to the meeting by telephone, with additional access possibilities by video or other electronic means;

We are utilizing the Zoom platform for this electronic meeting. All Council Members have the ability to communicate during this meeting through the Zoom platform, and the public has access to watch the live YouTube video at <https://www.youtube.com/laconianh>, listen to this meeting through dialing the following phone # 1-646-558-8656 or participate by the Zoom app: Webinar ID: 864 2993 7427 password 075794

b) Providing public notice of the necessary information for accessing the meeting;

We previously gave notice to the public of how to access the meeting using Zoom, and instructions are provided on the City of Laconia's website at: www.laconianh.gov.

c) Providing a mechanism for the public to alert the public body during the meeting if there are problems with access; If anybody has a problem, please call 524-3877 x 249 or email at: cityclerk@laconianh.gov

d) Adjourning the meeting if the public is unable to access the meeting.

In the event the public is unable to access the meeting, we will adjourn the meeting and have it rescheduled at that time. Please note that all votes that are taken during this meeting shall be done by Roll Call vote.

Let's start the meeting by taking a Roll Call attendance. When each member states their presence, also please state whether there is anyone in the room with you during this meeting, which is required under the Right-to-Know law.

2. SALUTE TO THE FLAG

Councilor Cheney lead the Salute to the Flag.

3. RECORDING SECRETARY

Cheryl Hebert, City Clerk

4. ROLL CALL

City Clerk Hebert took a roll call vote:

Councilor Cheney YES, (physically present)

Councilor Lipman YES, Is anyone in the room with you? NO

Councilor Haynes YES, (physically present)

Councilor Hamel YES, Is anyone in the room with you? NO

Councilor Felch, YES, Is anyone in the room with you? NO

Mayor Hosmer noted that all five (5) Councilors were in attendance and a quorum has been established.

5. STAFF IN ATTENDANCE

6. INTERVIEWS

Five candidates presented applications to fill the remainder of the late Councilor Bownes' term for the Ward 2 Council seat. The applications have been distributed to the Council. Interviews will take place this evening. Mayor Hosmer explained the process with the votes. A candidate must receive a nomination by any of the members of the current Council, with a second and a vote will take place. If that nominee gets at least three affirmative votes the process stops. If three affirmative votes are not given or a second nomination, then the floor will be open again for another nomination and the process repeats until at least three affirmative votes have taken place. The person will be sworn in soon after and date of service will begin at the August 10, 2020 Council Meeting.

6.A. Interviews of Ward 2 City Council Candidates

6.A.i. **Robert Soucy**

Robert Soucy was interviewed.

6.A.ii. **Philip Spagnuolo, Jr.**

Philip Spagnuolo, Jr. was interviewed.

6.A.iii. **Kelleen Ann Caravona**

Kelleen Caravona was interviewed.

6.A.iv. **Laura Dunn**

Laura Dunn was interviewed.

6.A.v. **Gregg Hough**

Gregg Hough was interviewed.

Mayor Hosmer recessed the meeting at 6:57 pm and this meeting will reconvene this meeting at the adjournment of the Regular Council meeting.

Mayor Hosmer reconvened the Special meeting at 8:36 pm.

7. NOMINATIONS, APPOINTMENTS & ELECTIONS

7.A. Election of Ward 2 City Councilor

Councilor Felch moved to elect Kelly Caravona to Ward 2 City Councilor, seconded by Councilor Hamel;

Councilor Felch explained that quite a few people reached out to him in support of Kelley Caravona and what she could bring to the Council would be a plus. Councilor Felch also expressed that he thinks it would be the late Councilor Bownes choice as well.

Mayor Hosmer called the question.

City Clerk Hebert took a roll call vote:

Councilor Cheney NO

Councilor Lipman NO

Councilor Haynes NO

Councilor Hamel NO

Councilor Felch YES

the motion failed with a vote of one (1) in favor and four (4) opposed.

Councilor Cheney moved to elect Robert Soucy as Ward 2 City Councilor, seconded by Councilor Hamel;

City Clerk Hebert took a roll call vote:

Councilor Cheney YES

Councilor Lipman YES

Councilor Haynes YES

Councilor Hamel YES

Councilor Felch NO;

the motion passed with four (4) in favor and one (1) opposed.

8. Any other business that may come before the Council

9. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to come before the Council and hearing no objection, Mayor Hosmer adjourned the meeting at 8:41 pm.

Respectfully submitted

Cheryl Hebert, City Clerk

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