

The Chehalis city council met in special session on Monday, March 1, 2021. Mayor Dennis Dawes called the meeting to order at 5:03 pm with the following council members present: Tony Ketchum, Jerry Lord, Daryl Lund (Zoom), Dr. Isaac Pope, and Bob Spahr. Staff present included: Jill Anderson, City Manager; Caryn Foley, City Clerk; Kiley Franz, City Manager's Administrative Assistant; and Erin Hillier, City Attorney (Zoom). Members of the news media present included Celene Fitzgerald of *The Chronicle* (Zoom).

1. **Interview Candidates for City Council Member At-Large No. 2 Vacant Position.** Mayor Dawes explained the purpose of the special meeting was to interview five individuals for the vacancy on the council. He thanked the candidates for their willingness to apply for the position. The order of interviews was drawn by random selection. Each candidate was asked the same question by each council member. The candidates were interviewed in the following order:

1. Eric Carlson
2. Kate McDougall
3. Mike Bannan
4. Terry Harris
5. Lindsey Senter

Mayor Dawes stated the appointment would be until the next election was certified. He explained the process for filing for those who were interested in running for office.

2. **Executive Session.** Mayor Dawes announced the council would be in executive session pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(h) – Evaluate Qualifications of a Candidate for Appointment to Elective Office not to exceed 6:30 pm and there would be action following conclusion of the executive session. Mayor Dawes closed the regular meeting at 5:58 pm. At 6:28 pm, Mayor Dawes announced additional time was needed in executive session not to exceed 6:45 pm. Following conclusion of the executive session, the special meeting was reopened at 6:36 pm.

3. **Appoint Candidate to Fill City Council Member At-Large No. 2 Vacant Position.** Mayor Dawes explained the process for nominating candidates to fill the vacancy. A vote would then be called on each nomination in the order they were nominated and the first candidate to receive four votes would be appointed to the vacant position. Mayor Dawes asked for nominations.

Councilor Lund nominated Mike Bannan.

Councilor Pope nominated Terry Harris.

There being no further nominations, Mayor Dawes closed the nominations.

Mayor Dawes called for a vote on Mike Bannan. Councilors Ketchum, Lord, and Lund voted in favor of Mr. Bannan.

Mayor Dawes called for a vote on Terry Harris. Councilors Pope and Spahr and Mayor Dawes voted in favor of Mr. Harris.

City Attorney Hillier stated a majority of the council was needed to make an appointment. She stated the council could take a revote, end the meeting and set another special meeting date, recess to a later time, or go back into executive session to further discuss.

Mayor Dawes announced the council would return into executive session pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(h) – Evaluate Qualifications of a Candidate for Appointment to Elective Office not to exceed 6:55 pm and there would be action following conclusion of the executive session. Mayor Dawes closed the regular meeting at 6:45 pm. Following conclusion of the executive session, the special meeting was reopened at 6:55 pm.

Mayor Dawes called for a vote on Mike Bannan. Councilors Ketchum, Lord, Lund, and Mayor Dawes voted in favor of Mr. Bannan.

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Mayor Dawes called for a vote on Terry Harris. Councilors Pope and Spahr voted in favor of Mr. Harris.

Mayor Dawes stated that Mr. Bannan would be sworn in during the council's regular meeting of March 8. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:59 pm.

Dennis L. Dawes, Mayor

Caryn Foley, City Clerk

Approved: 3/8/2021

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