Chehalis City Council Meeting Minutes October 4, 2021

The Chehalis city council met in special session on Monday, October 4, 2021. Mayor Dennis Dawes called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm with the following members present: Tony Ketchum, Jerry Lord, Dr. Isaac Pope, and Bob Spahr. Councilor Daryl Lund participated via Zoom. Staff present included: Jill Anderson, City Manager; Kiley Franz, City Clerk; Cassie Frazier, City Manager's Administrative Assistant; and Erin Hillier, City Attorney; and Chun Saul, Finance Director.

1. <u>Interview Candidates for City Council Member At-Large No. 2 Vacant Position</u>. Mayor Dawes explained the purpose of the special meeting was to interview three 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. Terry Harris
- 2. Katherine (Kate) McDougall
- 3. Tessa Hollis

Mayor Dawes explained that he would vote for whichever candidate received three votes from the Council to ensure there was not a tie.

2. <u>Executive Session</u>. 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 6:15 pm and there would be action following conclusion of the executive session. Mayor Dawes closed the regular meeting at 5:43 pm. Following conclusion of the executive session, the special meeting was reopened at 6:08 pm.

3. <u>Appoint Candidate to Fill City Council Member At-Large No. 2 Vacant Position</u>. 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 Terry Harris; Councilor Pope seconded the nomination.

Councilor Lord nominated Katherine (Kate) McDougall; Councilor Ketchum seconded the nomination.

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

Mayor Dawes called for a vote on Terry Harris. Councilors Lund, Pope, and Spahr voted in favor of Mr. Harris. There being three votes for Mr. Harris, Mayor Dawes cast his vote in favor of Mr. Harris.

Mayor Dawes stated that Mr. Harris would be sworn in during the council's regular meeting of October 11. Mayor Dawes thanked all candidates for their time and interest in the position.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:12 pm.

Dennis L. Dawes, Mayor

Attest:

Kiley Franz, City Clerk

Approved: Initials: KF