



SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, MAY 5, 2020

MEETING MINUTES

1) CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL/AGENDA APPROVAL/CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Deputy Mayor Nassar called the meeting to order at 4:03 p.m. on the Zoom webinar platform.

Deputy Mayor Nassar, Mayor Schneider and Councilmembers Deets, Hytopoulos, Medina and Pollock were present on the video conference.

Councilmember Deets asked to add a new item Safe Streets pilot project for Grow Avenue, and Mayor Schneider seconded the request. Deputy Mayor Nassar asked to add For Good of the Order, and there were no objections.

Councilmember Deets moved and Councilmember Pollock seconded to approve the agenda as amended. The motion was approved by unanimous consent.

Councilmember Pollock said he would recuse himself from voting for Council candidate Lisa Neal because she had contributed to his campaign.

2) APPROVAL OF PROCESS

2.A Approval of Voting Process - Mayor Schneider

[Cover Page](#)

[2020 City Council Appointment Voting Process - May 5.docx](#)

Mayor Schneider introduced the agenda item.

MOTION: I move that the Council utilize the process as described to narrow the pool of candidates for the vacant Council position to a set of finalists that will be considered for appointment by the Council at the May 11, 2020 Council meeting. By voting for this motion, I am voting to approve the finalists that are determined by utilizing this process based on the point system as described.

Schneider/Pollock: The motion carried unanimously, 6 – 0.

AYES: Deets, Hytopoulos, Medina, Nassar, Pollock, Schneider

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

3) COUNCIL CANDIDATE REMARKS

3.A Applications of the Council Candidates

[Cover Page](#)

[Council Vacancy Application_Ashley Mathews_Redacted.pdf](#)

[Council Vacancy Application_Chris Snow_Redacted.pdf](#)

[Council Vacancy Application_Christy Carr_Redacted.pdf](#)

[Council Vacancy Application_Denise Kulak_Redacted.pdf](#)

[Council Vacancy Application_James Halbrook_Redacted.pdf](#)

[Council Vacancy Application_John Ogden_Redacted.pdf](#)

[Council Vacancy Application_John Sloat_Redacted.pdf](#)

[Council Vacancy Application_Lisa Neal_Redacted.pdf](#)

[Council Vacancy Application_Thomas Hemphill_Redacted.pdf](#)

Each Council candidate provided remarks.

4) QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS WITH THE COUNCIL CANDIDATES

Each Council candidate responded to a question from each Councilmember.

Council adjourned for a 10-minute break at 8:36 p.m.

5) EXECUTIVE SESSION

5.A Pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(h) to evaluate the qualifications of a candidate for appointment to elective office.

[Cover Page](#)

Deputy Mayor Nassar announced that Council would adjourn to an executive session at 8:45 p.m. pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(h), following the break. Council returned from executive session at 8:56 p.m., and Deputy Mayor Nassar reconvened the meeting.

6) NOMINATIONS AND SELECTION OF FINALISTS

Deputy City Attorney Sepler reviewed the nomination and selection process. Each Councilmember announced their top three candidates, and Deputy City Attorney Sepler tallied the votes.

Councilmember Deets selected Christy Carr (1st), Ashley Mathews (2nd), and Denise Kulak (3rd)

Councilmember Hytopoulos selected Christy Carr (1st), Ashley Mathews (2nd), and Denise Kulak (3rd)

Councilmember Medina selected John Sloat (1st), Christy Carr (2nd), and Ashley Mathews (3rd)

Mayor Schneider selected Christy Carr (1st), John Sloat (2nd), and John Ogden (3rd)

Councilmember Pollock selected Christy Carr (1st), James Halbrook (2nd), and Denise Kulak (3rd)

Deputy Mayor Nassar selected Christy Carr (1st), Lisa Neal (2nd), and James Halbrook (3rd)

Council discussed next steps.

MOTION: I move we adjourn to an executive session to discuss finalists for the Council position.

Schneider/Pollock: The motion carried unanimously, 6 – 0.

AYES: Deets, Hytopoulos, Medina, Nassar, Pollock, Schneider
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

Deputy Mayor adjourned the meeting to an executive session at 9:15 p.m. pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(h). Council returned from executive session at 9:31 p.m., and Deputy Mayor Nassar reconvened the meeting.

Following the executive session, Councilmembers completed the ranking of the top finalists and unanimously selected Christy Carr to fill the South Ward Council vacancy. Council indicated that they will finalize the appointment at the Council meeting on May 12, 2020.

7) PLAN/CONFIRM MAY 11, 2020 MEETING STRUCTURE

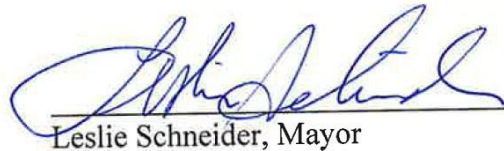
City Manager Smith reviewed the proposed next steps and noted that there is no longer a need for the May 11, 2020 meeting.

8) SAFE STREETS [ADDED]

Councilmember Deets provided information on the Safe Streets pilot project on Grow Avenue, and Council discussed the project.

9) ADJOURNMENT

Deputy Mayor Nassar adjourned the meeting at 9:55 p.m.



Leslie Schneider, Mayor

Christine Brown, CMC, City Clerk