

CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING
DRAFT MINUTES

Friday, December 10, 2021

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5:30 PM SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Akins called the Special Meeting to order at 5:30 PM

II. ROLL CALL

Councilors' Graham, Hyatt, Seffinger, Moran, DuQuenne and Jensen were present.

III. CITY MANAGER APPOINTMENT

Interim City Manager Gary Milliman gave a brief Staff report.

He spoke regarding candidate Joseph Lessard. He discussed his experience. He spoke in support of appointing Mr. Lessard. He spoke that Staff received about 20 applications and interviewed 4. He spoke that Mr. Lessard has accepted the initial offer of employment.

Seffinger spoke in support of Lessard.

Graham spoke that she is thrilled to find such a great candidate who is supported by the Council, Staff and Community.

Seffinger/Hyatt moved to confirm the appointment of Joseph Lessard as City Manager effective January 3, 2022 and authorize the Mayor to execute an employment agreement based upon the parameters discussed with the City Council in executive session.

Discussion: Hyatt expressed gratitude to Mr. Lessard and spoke in support of the motion. **Roll Call Vote: Hyatt, Seffinger, Graham, Moran, DuQuenne and Jensen: YES. Motion passed unanimously.**

IV. ADJOURNMENT

The Special Meeting was adjourned at 5:41 PM

Respectfully submitted by:

City Recorder Melissa Huhtala

Attest:

Mayor Akins

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