

Meeting of: COLUMBIA HEIGHTS CITY COUNCIL
Date of Meeting: March 3, 2017
Time of Meeting: 1:00 PM
Location of Meeting: Council Chambers
Purpose of Meeting: Interview of Candidates for Vacancy on the City Council

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL - The meeting was called to order at 1:01 PM

Present: Mayor Schmitt, Councilmembers Murzyn Jr, Williams and Buesgens
Also Present: Kelli Bourgeois; Human Resource Director/Assistant to the City Manager

Mayor Schmitt explained each applicant will have 15 minutes to respond to the following eight questions, and ask additional questions if time permits.

1. What two issues would you like to see addressed during your term on the City Council and why?
2. Describe the duties of a City Council.
3. Tell us what your top three City priorities are. Why are these priorities for you?
4. At what level do you see your leadership style?
Ground level (day to day).....10,000 feet.....20,000 feet.....30,000 feet (policy creation)
5. On a scale of 1 to 20 years where do you think the City's planning horizon should be?
1 year.....5 years.....10 years.....15 years.....20 years
6. Rate your personality style on a scale from 1 to 5 with 1 being very passive & 5 being very aggressive.
7. Imagine you are at the local grocery store when a resident stops you to discuss their displeasure with the fact that the City allowed a business they feel is inappropriate to locate in their neighborhood. The resident wants to know why the City did this and what you can do to make it go away. You are aware of the business and the licensing process but do not have the details on why the business was allowed to locate there. What do you say to the resident? What, if anything, do you do next?
8. Why should the City Council appoint you to this vacancy?

Julienne Wyckoff

The interview began at 1:02

Motion by Mayor Schmitt, seconded by Councilmember Buesgens to recess. All Ayes, Motion Carried.

Melinda Bak

The interview began at 1:20

Motion by Mayor Schmitt, seconded by Councilmember Murzyn, Jr. to recess. All Ayes, Motion Carried.

Barb Gertsema

The interview began at 1:40.

Motion by Mayor Schmitt, seconded by Councilmember Murzyn, Jr. to recess. All Ayes, Motion Carried.

Missy Lee

The interview began at 2:01.

Motion by Mayor Schmitt, seconded by Councilmember Murzyn, Jr. to recess. All Ayes, Motion Carried.

Nick Novitsky

The interview began at 2:21.

Motion by Mayor Schmitt, seconded by Councilmember Buesgens to recess. All Ayes, Motion Carried.

Sean Broom

The interview began at 3:01.

Motion by Mayor Schmitt, seconded by Councilmember Buesgens to recess. All Ayes, Motion Carried.

Bruce Nawrocki (Phone interview)

The interview began at 3:22.

Mayor Schmitt invited the Public to comment.

Mary Granlund-949 44th Ave NE described Sean Broom as charismatic, enthusiastic and passionate.

Stephanie Broom-4117 5th St NE described Sean Broom as honest, patient, understanding, energetic and knowledgeable.

Carolyn Laine-1908 41st Ave NE offered her support for Sean Broom, noting he has the direct experience of an older person, the fresh experience of a younger person, and is committed to the City.

Jamie Olberding-4059 4th St NE spoke in support of Sean Broom, stating she is excited for what he could bring to the City.

Patricia Robinson-4244 7th St NE described Sean Broom as passionate, enthusiastic and a good listener. Robinson also commented that she would like to see a younger person appointed to the council.

Jennifer Pyper-Muno-3813 Hayes St NE offered her support for Sean Broom, noting he is energetic, passionate and knowledgeable.

Mayor Schmitt reported the Council will deliberate on the applications at the March 6th work session, public comment will be allowed at the end of that meeting. The official vote cannot be made until March 27th according to the City's Charter.

*Motion by Councilmember Buesgens, seconded by Councilmember Murzyn, Jr. to adjourn.
All Ayes, Motion Carried.*

Meeting Adjourned at 3:56 PM

Respectively Submitted,



Katie Bruno,
Council Secretary/City Clerk