

Meeting of: COLUMBIA HEIGHTS CITY COUNCIL  
Date of Meeting: March 27, 2017  
Time of Meeting: 600 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 6:03 PM

Present: Mayor Schmitt, Councilmembers Murzyn Jr, Williams and Buesgens  
Also Present: Walt Fehst; City Manager and Katie Bruno; City Clerk

The following eight questions were asked of each of the candidates:

- 1. Our city has now acquired a grocery store, which was our number one priority on our list, what do you think is our next priority. Please be specific and explain why it needs to be a priority*
- 2. What strengths and skills can you add to the council that we do not currently have?*
- 3. We are a Charter City. If you could change anything in our charter, what would it be?*
- 4. What new thing would you like to see done in the city in the next 10 years that could benefit the children of the City?*
- 5. What do you foresee as the challenges of the position of a city council member?*
- 6. Give me one new idea as to how the city can engage the community?*
- 7. If you are the best applicant for this job, why did you lose the election?*
- 8. What is the one question you were hoping we wouldn't ask?*

The following two Candidates were interviewed:

Sean Broom

The interview began at 6:03, and concluded at 6:15.

Nick Novitsky

The interview began at 6:15, and concluded at 6:20.

Councilmember Williams stated Nick Novitsky is a strong candidate, and he possesses strong leadership abilities.

Mayor Schmitt invited the public to comment.

Kevin Gilbertson-550 46<sup>th</sup> Ave NE offered his support for Nick Novitsky, stating he is very active in the community. Gilbertson indicated he feels it is common sense to appoint the individual who came in third place in the recent election.

Angie Novitsky-5216 5<sup>th</sup> St NE spoke in support of Nick Novitsky, describing him as a great listener and open minded.

Mary Granlund-949 44<sup>th</sup> Ave NE spoke in support of Sean Broom indicating she has been inspired by Sean's passion and tenacity for the community. Ms. Granlund shared some of her concerns with the future of the City.

Frost Simula-1700 49<sup>th</sup> Ave NE spoke regarding the process outlined in the Charter, indicated he is on the Charter Commission, and he plans to discuss the process with the other members at the next meeting.

Kathryn Snyder-5210 5th St NE spoke in favor of Nick Novitsky, indicating she is impressed with his ability to listen to everyone.

Kathy Trupe-3740 2½ St NE stated she feels the council should honor the voters next choice; Nick Novitsky.

Mayor Schmitt stated the discussion will be continued at the regular Council Meeting.

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

Meeting Adjourned at 6:36 PM

Respectively Submitted,



Katie Bruno, Council Secretary/City Clerk