

SPECIAL SESSION - SEPTEMBER 15, 1995

The special session of the Ann Arbor City Council was called to order at 12:19 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chamber by Mayor Ingrid B. Sheldon.

ROLL CALL OF COUNCIL

PRESENT : Councilmembers Tobi Hanna-Davies, Patricia Vereen-Dixon, Peter Fink, Jane Lumm, Jean Carlberg, Peter Nicolas, Stephen C. Hartwell, Christopher Kolb, Mayor Ingrid B. Sheldon, 9.

ABSENT : Councilmembers Haldon L. Smith, Elisabeth L. Daley, 2.

NOTICE OF CALL OF SPECIAL SESSION

The certification and notice of call of special session was read and ordered placed on file with the City Clerk.

PUBLIC COMMENTARY - RESERVED TIME

LETTY WICKLIFFE - CITY ADMINISTRATOR

Letty Wickliffe, 1200 Earhart Rd., spoke in support of Roger Crum for the position of City Administrator. Ms. Wickliffe stated that Mr. Crum is highly qualified for the position and should not be rejected because of the comment he made regarding wife beating. She further stated that his rejection over such a comment is ridiculous, petty and appears to be political.

LELAHNI WESSINGER - CITY ADMINISTRATOR

Lelahni Wessinger, representing the Coalition for Common Sense in City Government, spoke in favor of Roger Crum for the position of City Administrator. Ms. Wessinger stated that Mr. Crum is highly qualified for the job and that she believes the reports of his aside about wife beating were blatant efforts to sandbag this candidate for political purposes.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

AGENDA APPROVED AS PRESENTED

Councilmember Lumm moved that the agenda be approved as presented.

On a voice vote the Mayor declared the motion carried.

MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS

R-425-9-95 APPROVED AS AMENDED

RESOLUTION REGARDING THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR POSITION

A resolution regarding the City Administrator position was considered.

Councilmember Nicolas moved that the resolution be adopted with the name of Roger Crum inserted as the candidate to be offered the position of City Administrator.

Council unanimously agreed that the following paragraph be added to the resolution:

RESOLVED, That the appointment be contingent upon the signing of a mutually agreeable contract and the successful conclusion of the background checking.

The question being the resolution as amended, on roll call the vote was as follows:

Yeas, Councilmembers Fink, Lumm, Nicolas, Kolb, Mayor Sheldon, 5;

Nays, Councilmembers Hanna-Davies, Vereen-Dixon, Carlberg, Hartwell, 4.

The Mayor declared the motion defeated.

Councilmember Hartwell moved that the resolution, with the paragraph making the appointment contingent upon a signed contract and completed background check, be placed on the table for reconsideration.

On roll call the vote was as follows:

Yeas, Councilmembers Hanna-Davies, Vereen-Dixon, Fink, Lumm, Carlberg, Hartwell, Kolb, Mayor Sheldon, 8;

Nays, Councilmember Nicolas, 1.

The Mayor declared the motion carried.

Councilmember Kolb moved that the resolution be adopted.

Councilmember Kolb moved that the resolution be amended by inserting the name of Neal Berlin as the candidate to be offered the position of City Administrator.

On roll call the vote was as follows:

Councilmembers Hanna-Davies, Vereen-Dixon, Carlberg, Hartwell, Kolb, Mayor Sheldon, 6;

Nays, Councilmembers Fink, Lumm, Nicolas, 3.

The Mayor declared the motion carried.

The question being the resolution as amended, on roll call the vote was as follows:

Yeas, Councilmembers Hanna-Davies, Vereen-Dixon, Carlberg, Hartwell, Kolb, Mayor Sheldon, 6;

Nays, Councilmember Fink, Lumm, Nicolas, 3.

The Mayor declared the motion carried.

The resolution as adopted reads as follows:

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RESOLUTION REGARDING THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR POSITION

RESOLVED, That the Human Resources Director be hereby authorized to offer the position of City Administrator to Neal Berlin; and

RESOLVED, That the appointment be contingent upon the signing of a mutually agreeable contract and the successful conclusion of the background checking.

REPORTS FROM COUNCIL COMMITTEES

None.

COUNCIL PROPOSED BUSINESS

None.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR

None.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR

None.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CITY ATTORNEY

None.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM COUNCIL

None.

PUBLIC COMMENTARY - GENERAL

None.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before Council, the Mayor declared the meeting adjourned at 1:34 p.m.

Janet L. Chapin
Acting Clerk of the Council
Recording Secretary