



City of Venice

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Meeting Minutes City Council

Thursday, January 6, 2022

1:30 PM

Council Chambers

Review, Selection and Appointment of a Qualified Resident to Serve in the Office of Council Member for Seat 2 Until a Successor is Elected at the Next Regular Municipal Election and Sworn-In

[22-5375](#)

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CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Feinsod called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: 6 - Mayor Ron Feinsod, Vice Mayor Nick Pachota, Dr. Joseph Neunder, Dr. Margaret Fiedler, Mr. Jim Boldt and Ms. Helen Moore

ALSO PRESENT

City Attorney Kelly Fernandez, City Clerk Kelly Michaels, Assistant City Manager James Clinch, Information Technology Director Christophe St. Luce, Deputy City Clerk Mercedes Barcia, and Administrative Coordinator Toni Cone.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Feinsod led the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Attorney Fernandez recommended reordering the agenda to place audience participation before the agenda item: Review Resumes/Letters of Interest and Appointment of Council Member and there were no objections.

Attorney Fernandez reviewed the process for appointing a new Council Member while the audience had an opportunity to sign up to speak.

Discussion took place regarding the order of Council nominations, the number of votes needed, and alternative options to the process.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

There was no audience participation.

I. NEW BUSINESS

[22-5376](#)

Review Resumes/Letters of Interest and Appointment of Council Member

Discussion continued regarding the candidates, qualifications, and the process.

Mayor Feinsod requested each Council Member's nomination in random order.

Vice Mayor Pachota nominated Richard Longo, seconded by Dr. Fiedler.

Dr. Fiedler nominated Sandy Sibley, seconded by Mayor Feinsod.

Council Member Moore nominated Rachel Frank, seconded by Council Member Boldt.

Dr. Neunder nominated Rachel Frank, it was noted she had already been nominated.

Council Member Boldt passed, noting his candidate was in the running.

Mayor Feinsod nominated Sandy Sibley. It was noted she had already been nominated.

Mayor Feinsod stated the candidates nominated were Sandy Sibley, Richard Longo, and Rachel Frank and asked each Council Member around the dais for their vote.

Council Member Moore voted for Rachel Frank.

Vice Mayor Pachota voted for Rachel Frank.

Mayor Feinsod voted for Sandy Sibley.

Dr. Fielder voted for Richard Longo.

Dr. Neunder voted for Rachel Frank.

Council Member Boldt voted for Rachel Frank.

Mayor Feinsod announced that Rachel Frank was appointed to Council Seat 2.

III. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before Council, the meeting was adjourned at 1:50 p.m.

ATTEST:

Mayor - City of Venice

City Clerk