



Meeting Minutes - Draft

City Council

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Monday, January 4, 2016

5:00 PM

Council Chambers

Special Meeting

1. ROLL CALL

Present: 6 - Mayor Cheryl Selby, Mayor Pro Tem Nathaniel Jones, Councilmember Jessica Bateman, Councilmember Jim Cooper, Councilmember Julie Hankins and Councilmember Jeannine Roe

2. OTHER BUSINESS

2.A [16-0036](#) Interview and Selection of Councilmember to Fill Unexpired Term of Position #4

Mayor Selby opened the meeting by sharing the process to select the candidate for the vacant City Council position #4. Councilmembers discussed and selected questions to ask the candidates.

The candidates were interviewed in two separate panels.

Panel one consisted of Marc Brown, Clark Gilman, Marco Rossi, and Peter Tassoni. Panel two consisted of Chris Gallagher, Karen Johnson, Paul Masiello, and Allen Miller.

The questions asked included:

1. Introduce yourself and share why you want to serve on the City Council and share what skills and knowledge you will bring to the role of Councilmember.
2. Olympia is like hundreds of other communities across the country, with numerous vulnerable people living without reliable shelter, causing substantial impacts on families and individuals, human service networks, public safety systems, and the social and environmental fabric of the community. As a Councilmember what specific actions would you take to address the root and symptoms of this issue as it affects Olympia?
3. Around the state cities and counties are being asked to enact so-called right-to-work laws at the local level. What do you think about these laws?
4. What is a recent Council decision you do not agree with and why?
5. What are the three most important community issues at this time - the three you

would hear if you knocked on someone's door?

6. If you could pick a candidate other than yourself - who would you choose and why?

Councilmembers marked their preferences on paper, which were tallied by staff. The outcome of the vote resulted in the following:

Clark Gilman	6
Karen Johnson	4
Chase Gallagher	3
Max Brown	3
Allen Miller	1
Marco Rossi	0
Peter Tassoni	0

Councilmembers interviewed the top four candidates in a panel format. The questions asked included:

1. Each candidate comes from a constituency or interest group. How will you reconcile a constituency's desire and goals with the broader goals and needs of the City and community.
2. In tough budget times what programs would you cut? What criteria would you use?
4. Soon the State will be convening another conversation about restoration of capital lake - what is the City's role in this process?
5. What are your thoughts about the formation of the Metropolitan Parks District? If you were given \$5 million to choose one project what would it be?
6. Is there anything you would like to add or share about your qualifications with us?

Councilmembers used ballots and voted again for their choice.

The outcome of the vote resulted in the following:

Clark Gilman	5
Max Brown	1
Chase Gallagher	0
Karen Johnson	0

Mayor Selby thanked everyone who participated in the process and asked those not appointed to continue their valuable work in the community.

Mayor Pro Tem Jones moved, seconded by Councilmember Hankins to appoint Clark Gilman to City Council Position #4. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Mayor Selby, Mayor Pro Tem Jones, Councilmember Bateman, Councilmember Cooper, Councilmember Hankins and Councilmember Roe

3. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:22 p.m.