

SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING

MUNICIPAL COMPLEX
DATE: MONDAY, AUGUST 31, 2015

PORTSMOUTH, NH
TIME: 6:30PM

I. CALL TO ORDER

At 6:30 p.m., Mayor Lister called the regular City Council meeting to order.

II. ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Lister, Assistant Mayor Splaine, Councilors Shaheen, Kennedy, Lown, Dwyer, Morgan, Spear, and Thorsen

III. INVOCATION

Mayor Lister asked everyone to join in a moment of silent prayer.

IV. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Fire Commissioner Gamester led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

V. APPOINTMENT OF A POLICE COMMISSIONER

Mayor Lister said we are here to appoint a Police Commissioner. He thanked the citizens, former Mayor Ferrini and the Review Panel for their work on this matter. He said it was a very transparent process and now it is the City Council's time to appoint a Police Commissioner for a 2 month period. He thanked all appointee's and congratulated Wayne Lehman and Jody Record for being the finalists.

Councilor Lown moved the appointment of Wayne Lehman. Seconded by Councilor Dwyer.

Assistant Mayor Splaine suggested that the vote be taken by each City Councilor as the Panel Review did.

Councilor Spear said that there is an advantage to appoint someone that would not run in November.

Councilor Kennedy said having a candidate that is not going to run in November is a strength.

Councilor Morgan said it is late in the game to change the process. She said it is an advantage but she feels it does not make a difference in her decision.

Councilor Kennedy said each candidate has done their homework and both stood out to the panel. She hopes we have the City Manager or his designee or Mayor Lister and his designee serve on the Commission.

Councilor Lown said he thought we would have difficulty finding people to run for the Police Commission. He thanked the Committee for their work and said the process was the ultimate in transparency. He said he feels that Wayne Lehman stood out to him. He said he received the most votes from the Review Panel. He would like to encourage the person to run for the office.

Mayor Lister said there would be an orientation for the office.

Councilor Lown withdrew the motion to allow the City Council to cast their names. Councilor Dwyer agreed and withdrew the second to the motion.

Assistant Mayor Splaine said he feels that Jody Record would do an excellent job as Police Commissioner.

Councilor Shaheen thanked the Review Panel and everyone that brought names forward. She said she would vote for Wayne Lehman.

Councilor Lown spoke in support of Wayne Lehman.

Councilor Dwyer said she would vote for Wayne Lehman and his leadership job and is encouraged by both and Jody Record has work in communications and would also be good in the position.

Councilor Morgan said she wants Jody Record and she has strengths in a variety of areas. She presented well and she agrees with her goals.

Councilor Spear said he supports Wayne Lehman.

Councilor Thorsen said he support Wayne Lehman. He said the issues are being addressed and the job at hand is to do the work needed in the department. He stated that people want to keep things open and transparent and that the representative reflects character.

Mayor Lister said he spent a great deal of time to get people involved in the community and it was a very transparent process.

On a roll call 7-2, voted Wayne Lehman to serve as the next Police Commission. Councilors Shaheen, Kennedy, Lown, Dwyer, Spear, Thorsen and Mayor Lister voted in favor of Wayne Lehman. Assistant Mayor Splaine and Councilor Morgan voted in favor of Jody Record.

Mayor Lister announced the next Police Commission meeting will be held tentatively on September 15th.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

At 6:55 p.m., Councilor Spear moved to adjourn. Seconded by Councilor Shaheen and voted.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kelli L. Barnaby". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Kelli L. Barnaby, MMC, CMC, CNHMC
City Clerk