

**WARREN CITY COUNCIL  
SPECIAL MEETING  
FEBRUARY 19, 2013 – 7:30 PM**

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**OPENING OF MEETING**

Council Vice-President Maurice Cashman presided over the February 19, 2013 special meeting of Warren City Council in Council Chambers of the Municipal Building and opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ROLL CALL**

Members present and responding to roll call were: Mayor Phillips (via conference phone), Mr. Cashman, Dr. Ferguson, Mr. Harvey, Mr. Lewis, and Mr. Zavinski. Mrs. Freenock, Mr. Holtz, Mrs. Leary, Ms. Stapleford, and Chief Zydonik of City staff were also in attendance.

**RECOGNITION OF VISITORS**

Mr. Cashman welcomed all visitors. Present were:

- Brent Ordiway
- Jacob Perryman: Times Observer Reporter

**SELECTION OF CANDIDATE TO FILL VACATED COUNCIL SEAT THROUGH 12/31/2013**

Ms. Stapleford stated that the City was in receipt of information from seven individuals who expressed interest in serving on City Council and outlined options for conducting the selection process.

Mr. Lewis noted that Council had specified that a letter of intent and resume were to be provided by those seeking to fill the seat vacated by Christopher Park (see 2/11/2013 minutes). Mr. Lewis further noted that only six of the candidates provided both items and questioned whether the applicant providing only a letter of intent would then be removed from consideration. Ms. Stapleford responded that this would disqualify the candidate.

Mr. Cashman suggested that all Council members wishing to nominate an individual do so for development of a slate of nominees. The slate would then be voted upon with the nominee receiving the least number of votes being dropped from the slate and this step would be repeated until such time as a majority vote was attained. Mr. Cashman further suggested that the applicant materials be allowed to stand on their own merit with no additional comments to be provided.

Mr. Cashman made the motion that this be the modus operandi under which Council would operate to fill the vacant seat. The motion was seconded by Mr. Lewis and carried unanimously among the six seated members of Council.

Mr. Lewis nominated Richard Kolcharno.

Mr. Cashman nominated Gregory Fraser.

Mayor Phillips nominated Brent Ordiway. Mr. Cashman indicated that Mr. Ordiway had been removed from consideration as he submitted a letter of intent only and did not include the requisite resume.

Mr. Ordiway addressed Council and requested clarification regarding his disqualification from consideration. Mrs. Freenock stated that the requirement for both a letter of intent and a resume was specified by Council. Ms. Stapleford added that both the Press Release and Legal Notice as published in the Times Observer clearly stated that both items were required. Mr. Ordiway responded that his interpretation was that resumes were not "an absolute must."

Upon review of the Press Release and Legal Notice, Ms. Stapleford stated her opinion that both the Press Release and Legal Notice asked for a letter of intent and a resume which were to be submitted to Mrs. Freenock by the specified deadline.

Mr. Zavinski then nominated Joseph Sprentz.

There being no Council members wishing to put forth additional nominees, Mr. Cashman made the motion to close the nominations. The motion was seconded by Mr. Harvey and carried unanimously among the six seated Council members. The slate of nominees stood at Richard Kolcharno, Gregory Fraser, and Joseph Sprentz.

Upon first vote on the slate of nominees Mr. Kolcharno received one vote, Mr. Fraser received two votes, and Mr. Sprentz received three votes. Therefore, Mr. Kolcharno's name was removed from the slate.

Upon vote on the slate of remaining nominees, Mr. Fraser received two votes and Mr. Sprentz received four votes. Having received a majority vote, Mr. Sprentz was appointed to fill the vacant Council seat through December 31, 2013.

At Council's request, Mrs. Freenock will notify Mr. Sprentz of his appointment and will also convey Council's appreciation to all other candidates. Mrs. Freenock indicated that she and City staff will provide a packet of pertinent information for Mr. Sprentz and will also arrange for him to tour City facilities. An invitation to participate in the tour was extended to all Council members.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before Council, Vice-President Cashman declared the meeting adjourned.