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**CITY OF YPSILANTI
COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
ONE SOUTH HURON STREET, YPSILANTI, MI 48197
MONDAY, MAY 14, 2012
7:00 P.M.**

I. CALL TO ORDER –

The meeting was called to order at 7:06 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL -

Council Member Bodary	Present	Council Member Robb	Present
Council Member Jefferson	Present	Council Member Vogt	Present
Council Member Murdock	Present	Mayor Schreiber	Present
Mayor Pro-Tem Richardson	Present		

Others present included City Clerk Frances McMullan, Finance Director Marilou Uy, and Executive Secretary to the City Manager Nan Schuette.

III. INVOCATION –

The Mayor asked all to stand for a moment of silence.

IV. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE -

"I pledge allegiance to the flag, of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation, under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."

V. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION -

Mayor Schreiber read the rules for audience participation.

1. Mr. Leonardo Christian, 7 S. Normal, Ypsilanti, stated he was shocked to learn that Ms. McMullan had withdrawn her name from the manager recruitment process, but she had to make the decision that was best for her. He also stated that he believed some members of Council were likely glad that she had withdrawn her name from the process.

VI. REMARKS BY THE MAYOR -

Mayor Schreiber thanked Mr. Christian for his comments and stated that Ms. McMullan had done an admirable job serving the Council and community as the Interim City Manager and that she had gained much valuable experience.

VII. CITY COUNCIL INTERVIEWS

The City Council conducted a second interview of Mr. Ralph Lange for the position of City Manager. The interview commenced at approximately 7:10 PM and concluded at approximately 8:07 PM.

The City Council then conducted a second interview of Mr. Brian Vick for the position of City Manager. The interview commenced at approximately 8:12 PM and concluded at approximately 9:14 PM.

VIII. COUNCIL BUSINESS -

Motion by Councilperson Vogt, supported by Mayor Pro Tem Richardson, to adopt Resolution No. 2012-090.

Mayor Schreiber suggested that the Council fill in the blank pertaining to the selected City Manager candidate.

Councilperson Robb indicated that he was impressed by both candidates, but wanted to talk further with other Council members before making a final decision.

Mayor Pro Tem Richardson stated that Candidate Lange would bring wisdom to the position; she also agreed that she wanted to speak with other Council members before making a final choice, and was happy that the Council agreed to conduct second interviews.

Councilperson Murdock moved to postpone action on the final candidate selection until the Council's next regular meeting on Tuesday, May 15, 2012. He further moved that the ad hoc committee provided for in the resolution be comprised of Mayor Schreiber, Mayor Pro Tem Richardson, and Councilperson Robb. The second motion was supported by Councilperson Vogt. On voice vote, the motion was approved unanimously.

Mayor Schreiber stated that he liked both candidates and that both had very strong attributes despite their differences.

Councilperson Vogt stated his opinion was similar to that of Mayor Schreiber and that both candidates upped their respective levels in the second interviews.

Councilperson Murdock stated that he was glad that the Council conducted second interviews with the two finalists as it improved his knowledge of the candidates. He further stated that both candidates would bring specific strengths to the position. Councilperson Bodary stated that he, too, was glad that the Council performed a second-round of interviews and that the final decision would be difficult.

Councilperson Jefferson concurred that the Council should postpone its decision on a final candidate until the next day (Tuesday, May 15). Councilperson Jefferson concurred with Mayor Pro Tem Richardson that conducting second interviews was a good idea as he was able to glean much better insight from the answers provided by the two finalists during the second round.

Councilperson Bodary supported Councilperson Murdock's initial motion to postpone action on the final candidate selection until the Council's next regular meeting on Tuesday, May 15, 2012.

On voice vote, the motion was approved unanimously.

IX. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION -

Mayor Schreiber inquired of members of the audience if anyone wished to speak.

1. Ms. Nan Schuette, Executive Secretary to the City Manager, stated that only one current employee in City Hall resides in the City of Ypsilanti. She also provided a brief summary of the City's top-level administrators, past and current, that resided outside the boundaries of the City.

X. REMARKS BY THE MAYOR -

Mayor Schreiber thanked Ms. Schuette for her comments. He also stated that the second round of interviews with the two finalists proved to be very useful and productive

XI. ADJOURNMENT -

Councilperson Jefferson moved, supported by Councilperson Vogt, to approve Resolution No. 2012-106, adjourning the Special City Council meeting.

On voice vote, Resolution No. 2012-106 was approved unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 9:27 p.m.