

MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP
CITY OF ARCADIA
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2011
5:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER

The workshop session was called to order at approximately 5:00 PM with the following members and staff present:

Arcadia City Council

Deputy Mayor Keith Keene

Councilwoman Martha Craven

Councilmember Dr. Roosevelt Johnson

Arcadia City Staff

City Administrator Lawrence Miller

City Recorder Virginia Haas

City Attorney Jason Henbest

Finance Director Jorge Santana

City Marshal Charles Lee

Deputy Mayor Keene announced the workshop was to interview candidates for the City Council Seat Vacated by Dr. Sharon Goodman.

1. Interview with Candidates for City Council Seat Vacancy

a. Robert R. "Bob" Allen

Mr. Bob Allen introduced himself and stated he served on the City Council in the early 1960's. He stated his experience on City and County Committees and that his son previously served as Mayor. Mr. Allen responded to Dr. Johnson that he would be willing to run if an election would be held for the vacant seat. Mr. Allen responded to Councilwoman Craven that he did view this as a two-year venture.

b. Jammarius A. Bing

Mr. Jammarius A. Bing introduced himself and stated that he had previously submitted a letter of interest for a past City Council vacancy. He continued that if selected he would treat this position as a full time job and help unite the community as he feels there is still hope for the City. He stated he is updated with the issues of the city and would indeed run should the position go to election by the people.

c. Charles R. Conklin

Mr. Charles Conklin introduced himself and stated he is very involved and has a lot to offer in helping the City grow as a knitted community. He continued that he has much experience from up North in business and finance. In response to Dr. Johnson's question, he said that he would

have ran in the last election however he had a conflict of interest in regards to bringing back the Kentucky Fried Chicken Franchise business.

d. Renee Otto

Ms. Renee Otto introduced herself and stated she currently has three businesses in the City. She continued that she does not possess a lot of City Government experience however she is intelligent and able to learn through research. She stated that in the past election 121 people voted for her which was only 7 votes shy of being elected. She responded to Dr. Johnson that she would be willing to run should the seat go to election.

e. Melissa L. Sanders

Ms. Melissa Sanders introduced herself and stated she was a 5th generation Arcadian and following in her families footsteps. She continued that she has worked with the City in the past with grant writing and experience with non profits. She finalized with saying that Arcadia is a Jewel and she would absolutely run should the seat go to election.

f. Judy Wertz Strickland - Letter of Intent Withdrawn

Deputy Mayor Keene stated he was thankful for the interest however disappointed with the election turnout. Dr. Miller asked if the Council might like input from the public.

Mr. Mark Brown, Noya Ave., questioned when the vacancy might be filled. Deputy Mayor Keene responded that the Council has to appoint someone by two regular meetings or the City must hold a special election. He explained that this is the first meeting because there was no quorum at the last regular meeting. Deputy Mayor Keene stated the vacancy would be discussed at the 6 p.m. regular meeting.

Dr. Johnson voiced that he was not comfortable choosing anyone to fill the vacancy and indicated that a Special Election might be the best choice allowing those interested person to run and be elected by the citizens.

Councilwoman Craven indicated she would prefer that the incoming Council make the decision.

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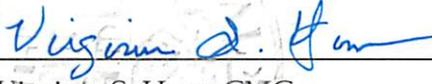
Having no further business, the workshop was adjourned at 5:17 PM.

APPROVED THIS 4th DAY OF OCT 2011.

By:

Robert W. Heine, Mayor

ATTEST:



Virginia S. Haas, CMC
City Recorder