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Meeting Minutes - Approved COMMON COUNCIL ORGANIZATIONAL COMMITTEE

Monday, February 22, 2016

6:30 PM

215 Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd.
Room 260 (Madison Municipal Building)

SPECIAL MEETING: Aldermanic District 11 Application Review & Recommendation to Common Council

CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

Present: 7 - Denise DeMarb; Maurice S. Cheeks; Shiva Bidar-Sielaff; Rebecca Kemble;
Matthew J. Phair; Mark Clear and Michael E. Verveer

Excused: 1 - Ledell Zellers

Others Present: Ald. Marsha Rummel, Ald. Zach Wood, Ald. Barbara McKinney

Council President DeMarb, chair, called the special meeting of the CCOC to order at 6:33 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

DISCLOSURES AND RECUSALS

There were no disclosures or recusals from the members present.

WELCOME & OVERVIEW OF THE INTERVIEW/SELECTON PROCESS - Council President Denise DeMarb

Council President DeMarb welcomed the applicants and provided an overview of the process.

During the first round of questioning CCOC members would score the applicants. All applicants were provided with the first round questions. One applicant has requested to be interviewed via conference call (this was noted on the meeting agenda - Susan Cotten).

Each applicant has up to five (5) minutes to answer all of the questions.

After scores have been tabulated, the top three (3) scoring applicants would advance onto the second round of questioning by the CCOC members.

After the second round of questioning/scoring has been completed, the CCOC would review and discuss the final applicants and make a recommendation to the Common Council.

Council President Denise Demarb stated that she attempted to take bias out of the questions asked by scoring the applicants with this two-step process.

Ald. Ledell Zellers arrived at approx. 7:20 p.m. (during Elizabeth Kuhn interview).

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Review of Aldermanic District 11 Applicants

The Common Council Organizational Committee will consider the applications received by the filing deadline (February 17, 2016 at 4:30 pm to fill the District 11 aldermanic vacancy and will make a recommendation for appointment to the Common Council at their meeting on March 1, 2016.

Attachments: [2/22/16 Special CCOC Meeting Video Online](#)
[Round 1 Questions_District 11 Applicants.pdf](#)
[Anderson D 11 Application.pdf](#)
[Bell D 11 Application.pdf](#)
[Bryan D 11 Application.pdf](#)
[Carlsen D 11 Application.pdf](#)
[Gruber D 11 Application.pdf](#)
[Kohl D 11 Application.pdf](#)
[Kuhn D 11 Application.pdf](#)
[Martin D 11 Application.pdf](#)
[McCarthy D 11 Application.pdf](#)
[Peterson D 11 Application.pdf](#)
[Ream D 11 Application.pdf](#)
[Sherman D 11 Application.pdf](#)
[Trillo D 11 Application.pdf](#)
[Cotten D 11 Application.pdf](#)

The following individuals interviewed for the vacant District 11 Aldermanic seat:

Peter Anderson	Tyrone Bell
Albert Bryan	Chris Carlsen
Susan Cotton	Timothy Gruber
Emily Kuhn	Arvina Martin
Tom McCarthy	Gary Peterson
Antonio Trillo	

The following individuals withdrew their application: Elizabeth Kohl, James Ream and Paul Sherman

The following Round 1 questions were asked of each candidate:

- * Describe your involvement in civic activities.
- * What do you know about this position?
- * Why did you decide to apply for this position?

Chris Carlsen withdrew his application after the interview was conducted. He stated he was currently a Metro employee and would not be willing to resign from that position to serve as District 11 Alder.

Ald. Mark Clear moved a 15 minute recess so that the scores for each candidate could be tabulated. Motion was approved. Meeting was recessed at 8:15 p.m.

Ald. Maurice Cheeks moved to reconvene the meeting. Motion was approved and meeting reconvened at 8:30 p.m.

The following applicants moved on to the second round of questioning: TYRONE BELL, TIMOTHY GRUBER, and GARY PETERSON.

The following were the Round 2 questions that were asked of each applicant:

Racial Equity and Social Justice

Since the Race to Equity report was introduced into the City, there has been a lot of talk and action to try to remedy the inequity in our City. What action could take place in District 11 to assist in eliminating inequity?

Knowledge of D11

What do you think is the most important issue facing District 11?

How would you complete the following sentence? I have taken a lead role in my neighborhood/district by_____

Organizational Skills

The role of interim Alder won't be easy. You will be picking up district issues, committee work and constituent communication mid-stream. Tell us how you will go about the transition from citizen to interim alder.

Communication/ability to connect with residents

In your work or volunteer endeavors, how have you engaged disparate interests on issues on which there were varying views? What was/were the issues(s)? What was the outcome?

How would you engage residents that are less inclined to reach out to you directly or come to a meeting to make sure you have reflected on their perspective?

What strategies will you use to keep your constituents informed of the Council decisions and issues in District 11?

Do you plan to run for District 11 Aldermanic Seat?

Ald. Mark Clear moved for a 10 minute recess so that scores could be tabulated. Meeting recessed at 9:15 p.m. The meeting was called back to order at 9:20 p.m.

The applicant who scored the highest in the second round of questioning: TIMOTHY GRUBER.

Ald. Mark Clear moved to recommend to the Common Council appointing Timothy Gruber to fill the vacant District 11 Aldermanic seat, seconded by Ald. Ledell Zellers. Motion was approved.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Ald. Mark Clear, seconded by Ald. Shiva Bidar-Sielaff, to adjourn. The motion passed by voice vote/other. The special meeting adjourned at 9:21 p.m.