MINUTES

Special Meeting

Reno City Council

Thursday, August 25, 2022 ● 12:00 PM

Reno City Council Chamber, One East First Street, Reno, NV 89501

Hillary Schieve, Mayor

Council Members:

Ward 1 – Jenny Brekhus	Ward 4 – Bonnie Weber
Ward 2 – Naomi Duerr	Ward 5 – Vacant
Ward 3 – Oscar Delgado	At-Large – Devon Reese

A   Introductory Items

A.1   Pledge of Allegiance

A.2   Roll Call

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Bonnie Weber	Councilmember	Present	12: PM
Devon Reese	Councilmember	Present	12 PM
Hillary Schieve	Mayor	Present	12 PM
Jenny Brekhus	Councilmember	Absent	
Naomi Duerr	Councilmember	Present	12 PM
Oscar Delgado	Councilmember	Present	12PM

The meeting was called to order at 12:00 PM

A.3   Public Comment

Donna Klotz

Charles Aglabot

James Fleming

Meagan O'Farrell

Hillary Schieve

Recess called at 12:23 PM
Reconvened at 12:31 PM

A.4   **Approval of the Agenda   (For Possible Action) – August 25, 2022.**

RESULT:	**APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]**
MOVER:	Devon Reese, Councilmember
SECONDER:	Bonnie Weber, Councilmember
AYES:	Weber, Reese, Schieve, Duerr, Delgado
ABSENT:	Brekhus

B   Department Items

City Clerk

B.1 Staff Report (For Possible Action): Discussion and potential direction to staff regarding the finalist selection process, and the selection of the finalists for the Ward 5 City Council Member vacancy from the following pool of applicants, listed in alphabetical order: Frederic D. Baier III, Brian Bishop Parise, Doni Sue Blackburn, Zelalem Bogale, Robert C. Bonnet, Sheena Britschgi, Michael Allen Brooks, James Cooper, Jackeline Duron, Conrad Frederickson, Joy Friesen, Mark A. Funkhouser, Guy Gibney, Sonya Giroux, Alexander Goff, Kurt E. Gottschalk, Scott Groach, Clinton Hohenstein, Elliot Malin, Stan Marks, Robert "Nick" Martin, Thomas P. Petersen, Sheila Peuchaud, James M. Pilzner, F. Michael Reese, Albert Rogers, Elton G. Rossi, Joel A. Santos, Darcie Smith, Patrick Smith, Kathleen Taylor, Tara C. Webster, Lance C. White, Earstin E. Whitten, applicants, listed in alphabetical order: Frederic D. Baier III, Brian Bishop Parise, Doni Sue Blackburn, Zelalem Bogale, Robert C. Bonnet, Sheena Britschgi, Michael Allen Brooks, James Cooper, Jackeline Duron, Conrad Frederickson, Joy Friesen, Mark A. Funkhouser, Guy Gibney, Sonya Giroux, Alexander Goff, Kurt E. Gottschalk, Scott Groach, Clinton Hohenstein, Elliot Malin, Stan Marks, Robert "Nick" Martin, Thomas P. Petersen, Sheila Peuchaud, James M. Pilzner, F. Michael Reese, Albert Rogers, Elton G. Rossi, Joel A. Santos, Darcie Smith, Patrick Smith, Kathleen Taylor, Tara C. Webster, Lance C. White, Earstin E. Whitten, Lee Wilhelm and Jacob Williams.

Public Comment:

Alex Goff
Phil Shikolani
Mike Givens
Gary Cecil
Chuck Walker
James Cooper
Earstin Whitten

Donna Klotz
Jim Pilsner
Jacob Williams
Dolores Shaefer-Whitton
Sheila Peuchaud
Elliot Malin
Meagan O'Farrell
Joel Santos
Patrick Smith
Jacki Duron

43 comments 41 in favor 2 in concern
Voicemails:
Adam Webster
Antonia Quintana
Christian Fassbender
Jamal Parkinson
Katie Chandler
Krista Winifred
Talia Hershway

Mikki Huntsman, City Clerk, gave a presentation on this item. Mikki informed the City Council on the process of today's agenda item by asking them to decide how many applicants the Council would like to narrow the list of candidates down to. The next part of the process includes each member of the Council to rank their finalists on a scorecard. Then there would be a short recess to tally the scorecards. After the scorecards have been tallied, the Council will take a vote to confirm the finalists.

Mayor Schieve recommended choosing five finalists and interviewing the top three. The mayor also thanked everyone who applied for the position and asked all of the candidates to stay engaged and involved in local government.

Councilmember Duerr agreed that it would be best to narrow the candidates to the top five finalists. Councilmember Duerr said that the number of points each candidates get is not dependent on the position the Council puts them in. They are all awarded one point for being in the top five of any of the Council Members lists.

Councilmember Delgado and Councilmember Weber agreed that narrowing the list to the top five and then tallying the top three from all member's selection cards would be the best process.

Vice-Mayor Reese also thanked everyone who applied for the position and agreed to the top five selection process.

Councilmember Duerr also thanked everyone who applied for the position and asked them all to stay engaged.

Vice-Mayor Reese explained the process of narrowing down the list and looking for a colleague with a resume that demonstrates community involvement and effective communication skills.

Councilmember Duerr mentioned having a similar process of first looking at the candidate's background, community service, balance amongst the other Council members, and a colleague that has effective communication skills.

Councilmember Weber mentioned being prepared for the meeting with some names as well, but the list continued to grow from hearing public comment and the support from the community for certain candidates. Councilmember Weber said that it would be important for someone to speak on the process of choosing the candidate after today and the public outreach and involvement with that process.

Mikki said that the during the following week of this meeting, there would be two meet-and-greet sessions for the candidates and the public, one on Tuesday August 30th and one on Wednesday August 31st from five to seven. There has been a call sent to Ward 5 residents to ask them what questions they have for the candidates. The meet-and-greets would be a question-and-answer session and then there would be time for the candidates to walk around and meet individually with Ward 5 residents.

Mayor Schieve reminded everyone that there are many commissions and boards through the City of Reno that people could serve on to be part of the process.

Recess called at 1:55 PM
Reconvened at 2:23 PM

The Clerk's office tallied the votes with 25 in total. Five votes each from each present council member. They tallied four votes each for Kathleen Tylor, Elliot Malin, and Alexander Goff. Jacob Williams got three votes. Zelalem Bogale,

Sonya Giroux, and Albert Rogers got two votes each. Thomas P. Peterson, Stan Marks, Jacqueline Duran, and Earstin E. Whitten received one vote each.

Vice-Mayor Reese thinks the top three candidates should move forward as finalists.

Proposed Motion: I move to advance in no order, Kathleen Taylor, Elliot Malin, and Alexander Goff in the process of deciding the Ward 5 Councilmember.

RESULT:	**APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]**
MOVER:	Devon Reese, Councilmember
SECONDER:	Oscar Delgado, Councilmember
AYES:	Reese, Delgado, Weber, Duerr, Schieve
ABSENT:	Brekhus

C   **Public Comment (This item is for either public comment on any action item or for any general public comment.)**

Tom Dunn
Doralee Martinez

10 comments were received in written correspondence

3 voicemails received 2 anonymous and one from Henry Pattillo

D   **Adjournment (For Possible Action)**

The meeting was adjourned

RESULT:	**APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]**
MOVER:	Oscar Delgado, Councilmember
SECONDER:	Devin Reese, Councilmember
AYES:	Reese, Delgado, Weber, Schieve, Duerr
ABSENT:	Brekhus