

MINUTES

**DES MOINES CITY COUNCIL
STUDY SESSION
Council Chambers
21630 11th Avenue S, Des Moines, Washington**

February 06, 2020 – 7:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Pina called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The flag salute was led by Councilmember Martinelli.

ROLL CALL

Council present: Mayor Matt Pina; Deputy Mayor Matt Mahoney; Councilmembers Traci Buxton, JC Harris, Anthony Martinelli, and Jeremy Nutting.

Staff present: City Manager Michael Matthias; Chief Operations Officer Dan Brewer; City Attorney Tim George; Assistant City Attorney Matt Hutchins; Finance Director Beth Anne Wroe; Police Chief Ken Thomas; Harbormaster Scott Wilkins; Master Police Officer Justin Cripe; Master Police Officer Isaac Helgren; City Clerk/Communications Director Bonnie Wilkins; Deputy City Clerk Taria Keane.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Item 1

EMERGING ISSUES

- There were no Emerging Issues

Direction/Action

Motion made by Councilmember Harris to amend the Council Appointment process in the following manner: 1. After the initial interviews, Council will retire to Executive Session for up to 30 minutes to pare the list of Applicants down to 3 finalists. 2. After being informed of the Council's decision, the finalists will be invited to provide supplemental materials to bolster their case(s). 3. The Agenda of the February 13th City Council Meeting will contain a single Agenda Item consisting of a second round of in-depth finalist interviews. 4. At that same meeting, and immediately following those interviews, the Council will retire to Executive Session for up to 30 minutes to discuss. 5. Immediately following the Executive Session, Council will vote for the winning Applicant who will be sworn in at the next meeting; seconded by Councilmember Martinelli. Motion failed 2-4.

For: Councilmembers Harris and Martinelli

Against: Mayor Pina; Deputy Mayor Mahoney; Councilmembers Buxton and Nutting.

Item 2:

Interview of the Candidates for Vacant City Council Seat #3

To determine the order of the applicants, City Clerk/Communications Director Wilkins and Deputy City Clerk Taria drew the applicant names out of a bowl.

- The following candidates were allowed a 3 minute opening statement and each Councilmember asked on question of the candidates. Candidates were allowed 2 minutes to answer each question.
 - David Lee Black
 - Luisa Bangs
 - Meiling Sproger
 - Semerè Melake
 - Harry S. Steinmetz
 - Tad Doviak
 - Dan Harrington

- Candidate Penny Bohm did not show up

At 8:52 p.m. Council took an 11 minute break, and resumed the meeting at 9:03 p.m.

Direction/Action

Motion made by Mayor Pina to extend the meeting until 10:30 p.m.; seconded by Deputy Mayor Mahoney.

Motion failed 4-2 – Per Council rule there need to be 2/3 of the votes in favor to pass.

For: Mayor Pina; Deputy Mayor Mahoney; Councilmembers Buxton, and Nutting.

Against: Councilmembers Harris and Martinelli.

Direction/Action

Motion made by Councilmember Harris to extend the meeting up until 11:00 p.m.; seconded by Councilmember Buxton.

Motion passed 6-0.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

- Susan Corey, Des Moines, supports Luisa Bangs for the vacant Council position
- Nadya Curtis, Des Moines, supports Luisa Bangs for the vacant Council position
- Fa'izah Bradford, Des Moines, supports Luisa Bangs for the vacant Council position
- Billy Hetherington, LiUNA Local 242, supports Luisa Bangs for the vacant Council position
- Catherine Carbone Rogers, Des Moines, supports Luisa Bangs for the vacant Council position
- Bill Linscott, Des Moines, supports Luisa Bangs for the vacant Council position
- Keith J Weiv, Des Moines, supports Luisa Bangs for the vacant Council position
- Justin Cripe, Des Moines Police Guild, supports Luisa Bangs for the vacant Council position
- Vic Pennington, Des Moines, supports Luisa Bangs for the vacant Council position
- Rick Johnson, Des Moines, supports Harry Steinmetz and ad Doviak for the Council position
- Steve Edmiston, Des Moines, supports Harry Steinmetz and Luisa Bangs for the vacant Council position

- Proteas Morrill, Federal Way, supports Meiling Sproger for the vacant Council position
- Candace Urquhart, Des Moines, supports Harry Steinmetz for the vacant Council position
- Saundra Mock, Des Moines, supports Harry Steinmetz for the vacant Council position
- Elizabeth Burn, Des Moines, supports Harry Steinmetz and Tad Doviak for the vacant Council position

NEXT MEETING DATE

February 13, 2020 City Council Regular Meeting

ADJOURNMENT

Direction/Action

Motion made by Councilmember Nutting to adjourn; seconded by Mayor Pina.
The motion passed 6-0.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:37 p.m.

Minutes Approved at the February 27, 2020 Council Meeting