



MINUTES
Committee of the Whole
Monday, January 7, 2019 @ 5:30 p.m.
City Council Chambers

CALL TO ORDER

City Clerk Swope called the meeting called to order at 5:30 p.m.

PRESENT

Councilmember Kathie Dunbar
Councilmember Jeremy A. Garza
Councilmember Adam Hussain
Council Member Brian T. Jackson
Councilmember Peter Spadafore
Councilmember Patricia Spitzley
Councilmember Jody Washington
Councilmember Carol Wood

OTHERS PRESENT

Sherrie Boak, Council Staff
Chris Swope, City Clerk
Samantha Harkins, Mayor Executive Assistant
Jim Smiertka, City Attorney
Lisa Hagen, Assistant City Attorney
Elaine Womboldt
Loretta Stanaway
Harold Leeman, Jr.
Mary Reynolds
John Miles
Heather Sumner, Deputy Chief City Attorney

Approval of Minutes

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER WASHINGTON TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF DECEMBER 10, 2018 AS PRESENTED. MOTION CARRIED 8-0.

Public Comment on Agenda Items

Ms. Womboldt acknowledged Council leadership from 2018 and spoke on the future leadership in 2019. She spoke in support of Council Members who supported the opposition to recent variances, and concluded with support of Council Member Wood and Hussain for leadership.

Ms. Stanaway supported comments by Ms. Womboldt.

Mr. Miles read a statement from Ms. Miles who could not be present.

Ms. Reynolds spoke in support of the Council in 2018.

DISCUSSION/ACTION

Election of Council President

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER HUSSAIN TO NOMINATE COUNCIL MEMBER WOOD AS THE 2019 COUNCIL PRESIDENT.

Council Member Hussain then acknowledged Council Member Wood's leadership role in 2018, and commitments over the last four (4) years.

Councilmember Wood accepted the nomination for Council President.

No other nominations were made for Council President.

Council Member Dunbar outlined her history with the choosing of leadership, recapped past year's leadership decisions and reference to running for re-election during a year of leadership.

Council Member Jackson asked the Committee why one would take a leadership role when running for re-election when there are other capable colleagues to step into the President role. Council Member Washington stated she was the person who asked Council Member Wood to take the President leadership for a second year. She opined that there was no additional interest by other members who would be running for re-election and in 2018 she lead Council in a good direction.

Council Member Spitzley acknowledged she did not have an interest in leadership in 2019, and as being elected by the public all Council Members are leaders. She supported the institutional knowledge of Council Member Wood. Council Member Spitzley stated that there are others who have been on Council for many years, but concern with statements made that referenced some Council Members were not fit or prepared to be the leader in 2019 because everyone was elected by the residents of the City.

MOTION CARRIED 6-2.

Election of Council Vice President

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER DUNBAR TO NOMINATE COUNCILMEMBER SPADAFORE AS THE 2019 COUNCIL VICE PRESIDENT.

Councilmember Spadafore accepted the nomination for Council Vice President.

No other nominations were made for Council Vice President.

MOTION CARRIED 8-0.

ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 5:50 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by,

Sherrie Boak, Recording Secretary

Lansing City Council

Approved by the Committee on January 14, 2019