

**CITY OF EAST LANSING
COUNCIL MEETING SPECIAL MEETING
MINUTES
September 15, 2012**

Present: Beard, Loomis, Triplett, Goddeeris
Absent: None

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 a.m. by Mayor Goddeeris. The meeting was held in the Executive Conference Room of the East Lansing Hannah Community Center, 819 Abbot Road, East Lansing.

Item 1 **Approval of the Agenda**

It was moved by Goddeeris and seconded by Beard to approve the agenda as presented.

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Item 2 **Business Agenda**

Goddeeris asked for volunteers on Council to ask questions of applicants. Goddeeris proposed adding to the last question “why will you or why won’t you run if appointed.”

Loomis asked if the question should be changed since it has been published and provided to the applicants.

Goddeeris said that she believed the Council had discussed the ability to ask followup questions.

Beard said that his recollection is that Council has that ability.

Goddeeris explained the process, plan of action and timeline for filling the vacancy left by Don Power. She invited comments from the community and announced the council meeting playback schedule.

Council interviewed 14 applicants to fill a City Council vacancy until the November 2013 election. Each interview was scheduled for twenty minutes, with a five minute break between interviews. Council recessed for lunch break from noon until 1:00 p.m.

The following 14 applicants were interviewed:

- Travis Colwell
- Erick Williams
- Sanford Ring
- Ruth Beier
- Phil Bellfy
- Zachary Behler
- Jeffrey Hank
- Jeremy Wittrock

- Paul Furtaw
- Douglas Ripley
- Kathleen Boyle
- Jennifer Ferguson
- Hans Larsen
- Benjamin Eysseleinck

The following four questions were asked of each City Council applicant:

1. Given the current challenges before Council and the community, what issues currently facing East Lansing do you see as the highest priority and why?
2. What experiences do you have that will be helpful to you as a member of the City Council?
3. What motivated you to apply to the East Lansing City Council and what is your vision for the City?
4. Are you going to run for the remainder of the term in November of 2013 if appointed? Why or why not?

Goddeeris again announced the Special Meeting playback schedule and invited members of the community to call or e-mail with feedback. Goddeeris thanked the Video Professionals and noted that we have 14 very sound candidates.

Goddeeris said Council will make a decision at the next regular Council meeting during the business agenda which will be held on Tuesday, September 18, 2012, at 7:30 p.m. at MSU Union. Goddeeris stated that if additional meetings are needed to make the decision about filling the vacancy that they will be scheduled.

Item 3 **Communication from Audience**

- There was no communication from the audience.

Item 4 **Adjournment**

It was moved by Triplett and seconded by Loomis to adjourn.

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There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 2:00 p.m.

Diane Goddeeris
Mayor

Marie E. McKenna
East Lansing City Clerk