

WARD 5 CANDIDATE SELECTION COMMITTEE

August 27, 2020

The Ward 4 Candidate Selection Committee of the City of Norman, Cleveland County, Oklahoma, met in a virtual session hosted at the Municipal Building Multi-Purpose Room at 201 West Gray on the 27th day of August, 2020, at 5:30 p.m. Notice and agenda of the meeting were posted at the Municipal Building 48 hours prior to the beginning of the meeting.

Item 1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL:

MEMBERS PRESENT: Members Caroline Dulworth, Celia Morris Monroe, Aysha Prather, Bobby Stevens, and Chairman Michael Ridgeway

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Brenda Hall, City Clerk
Kathryn Walker City Attorney

Item 2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM THE AUGUST 17 AND 20, 2020, MEETINGS.

Member Dulworth moved that the minutes be approved, as corrected, and the filing thereof be directed, which motion was duly seconded by Member Stevens;

Items submitted for the record

1. Ward 5 Candidate Selection Committee minutes of August 17, 2020

and the question being upon approval of the minutes, as corrected, and upon the subsequent directive, a vote was taken with the following result:

YEAS: Members Caroline Dulworth, Celia Morris Monroe, Aysha Prather, Bobby Stevens, and Chairman Michael Ridgeway

NAYES: None

Chairman Ridgeway declared the motion carried and the minutes approved, as corrected, and the filing thereof was directed.

Member Monroe moved that the minutes be approved, as corrected, and the filing thereof be directed, which motion was duly seconded by Member Prather;

Items submitted for the record

1. Ward 5 Candidate Selection Committee minutes of August 20, 2020

Item 2, continued:

and the question being upon approval of the minutes, as corrected, and upon the subsequent directive, a vote was taken with the following result:

YEAS: Members Caroline Dulworth, Celia Morris
Monroe, Aysha Prather, Bobby Stevens, and
Chairman Michael Ridgeway

NAYES: None

Chairman Ridgeway declared the motion carried and the minutes approved, as corrected, and the filing thereof was directed.

Item 3. INTERVIEWS WITH INTERIM WARD 5 CANDIDATES:

Brandon Clark (withdrew)
James Costello
Maria Kindel
Bruce Jennings
Michael Nash

Committee members interviewed the candidates by asking the questions listed below in a round table environment.

1. We have all received your applications and resumes but, more informally, tell us a little bit about yourself.
2. What do you see as the most important resource(s) and challenge(s) facing Ward 5?
3. What do you see as the most important resources and challenges facing the City as a whole?
4. Do you perceive this appointment to be interim only, or do you intend on filing for the Ward 5 seat in next year's election cycle? If interim only, then why? If intending to file for next year's election, then why?
5. Give an example of a contentious issue, which you helped to resolve with others, to illustrate how you approach conflict resolution, consensus building, or problem solving?
6. Have you attended City Council meetings, boards and commissions meeting or ward meetings? How much time do you expect to spend on City Council matters if appointed?
7. How do you see balancing City Council commitments with other responsibilities and obligations you currently have?
8. Ward 5 has unique characteristics and needs that the other wards in the city do not have. How would you balance the interests of Ward 5 with the interests of the city as a whole? Would your vote reflect your constituents' desires, the interest of the city, or your own interests?
9. What expertise or experiences, professionally, personally, or in the community, do you have that you feel would make you a contributing member of the City Council?
10. Describe what you believe to be effective means of communicating with ward constituents including how you would combat misinformation?
11. Is there anything else you would like the Panel to know regarding your application to serve as the appointed Council Member for Ward 5?

All candidates, with the exception of Brandon Clark who withdrew his application, participated in the interviews.

Item 4. DISCUSSION OF CANDIDATES AND MOTION TO RECOMMEND A CANDIDATE FOR CITY COUNCIL CONSIDERATION.

The Committee discussed the strong/weak points for each of the applicants. Chairman Ridgeway said he was impressed with all four of the finalists. He said all were sincere, service-minded and community-oriented and the Committee Members concurred.

Member Monroe moved that Michael Nash be approved for the Ward 5 Interim Council seat and his name be submitted to City Council for formal consideration, which motion was duly seconded by Member Stevens; and the question being upon approving Michael Nash for the Ward 5 Interim Council seat and upon the subsequent submission, a vote was taken with the following result:

YEAS:	Members Caroline Dulworth, Celia Morris Monroe, Aysha Prather, Bobby Stevens, and Chairman Michael Ridgeway
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NAYES:	None
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Chairman Ridgeway declared the motion carried and Michael Nash for the Ward 5 Interim Council seat approved; and his name will be submitted to City Council for formal consideration.

Item 5. ADJOURNMENT.

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.
