

CITY COUNCIL CONFERENCE MINUTES

June 22, 2016

The City Council of the City of Norman, Cleveland County, State of Oklahoma, met in a conference at 5:30 p.m. in the Municipal Building Conference Room on the 22nd day of June, 2016, and notice and agenda of the meeting were posted at the Municipal Building at 201 West Gray, and the Norman Public Library at 225 North Webster 48 hours prior to the beginning of the meeting.

YEAS:	Councilmembers Allison, Castleberry, Heiple, Holman, Karjala, Lang, Miller, Mayor Rosenthal
NAYES:	Councilmember Jungman
OTHERS PRESENT:	Councilmember-Elect Hickman

Item 1, being:

INTERVIEWS WITH INTERIM WARD 5 CANDIDATES.

When Councilmember Miller is sworn in on July 5, 2016, as Mayor, it will leave a vacancy for the Ward 5 Council seat. City Council in its meeting of May 24, 2016, appointed the Ward 5 Candidate Selection Committee to reviewed applications and meet with interested applicants to recommend persons to be considered by Council for the Ward 5 position. The Ward 5 Candidate Selection Committee first met on June 8, 2016, to discuss the procedures they would use during the interview and recommendation process. The Committee met on June 15, 2016, and interviewed Matthew Rom, Sally Little, Michael Ridgeway, Sereta Wilson, and James Chappel.

After interviewing five candidates, the Committee narrowed their continued discussion to three applicants: James Chappel, Michael Ridgeway, and Sereta Wilson. Each of these applicants had four "yes" votes for further consideration. The Committee then discussed the possibility of submitting this list as their top three recommendations for further interview by the Council. After further discussion Committee members' asked whether Council could choose to interview any candidate, whether recommended by the Committee or not. Staff advised that Council was empowered to make the appointment and the Committee's role was to make a recommendation. In an effort to get down to two names, the Committee recommended Michael Ridgeway and Sereta Wilson as the two applicants to be further interviewed and considered by City Council. The Committee's recommendation was forwarded to Council on June 16, 2016, and since there was a three- way tie initially, members of Council requested that all three applicants be interviewed. The interview schedule was determined by lot prior to the meeting and the applicants were notified by the City Clerk of their specific times.

Council interviewed Michael Ridgeway, Sereta Wilson, and James Chappel and each candidate was asked the following questions:

1. How long have you lived in Ward 5 and why are you motivated to serve on City Council?
2. What do you see as the most important issue(s) facing Ward 5 and the most important issue(s) facing the City as a whole?
3. 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?
4. How much time do you expect to spend on City Council matters if appointed?
5. How do you see balancing City Council commitments with other responsibilities and obligations you currently have?
6. How do you see the role of a representative? Is it primarily to reflect the wishes of your constituents or to use your independent judgment?
7. The storm water utility vote in August is the most challenging issue facing the City this summer. How do you see yourself getting involved in the election?
8. How will you balance the rural Ward 5/East Norman needs with the needs of the City as a whole?
9. Can you name some way you have networked in Ward 5 to better understand the ward?

Items submitted for the record

1. Interview schedule with Questions used during the last Council Interview Process
2. Questions Candidates received from the Ward 5 Candidate Selection Committee
3. Application and resume dated May 25, 2016, from Michael Ridgeway
4. Application and resume dated May 26, 2016, from Sereta Wilson
5. Application and resume dated May 25, 2016, from James Chappel

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The meeting adjourned at 8:06 p.m.

ATTEST:

City Clerk

Mayor