



The City of Lee's Summit
Action Letter
City Council - Regular Session

Thursday, May 11, 2017

6:15 PM

City Council Chambers

City Hall

220 SE Green Street

Lee's Summit, MO 64063

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REGULAR SESSION NO. 35

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Rhoads called the May 11, 2017, Regular Session No. 35 of the Lee's Summit City Council to order at 6:15 p.m.

INVOCATION

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

Present: 7 - Councilmember Rob Binney
Councilmember Trish Carlyle
Councilmember Phyllis Edson
Councilmember Craig Faith
Councilmember Diane Forte
Councilmember Dave Mosby
Councilmember Diane Seif

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

On motion of Councilmember Mosby, second by Councilmember Seif, the Council voted unanimously to AMEND the agenda by switching the order of the two agenda items.

1. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Mr. Michael Walk, 632 NE Michael, discussed problems with the property at 636 NE Michael and his attempts to get the homeowner to maintain the property. Mayor Rhoads asked Staff to discuss this problem with Mr. Walk and help to find a solution.

Mr. Robert Dye voiced objections to Councilmember Forte. Mr. Steve Lathrop spoke in defense of Councilmember Forte.

2. COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Mayor Rhoads asked Police Chief Forbes to reach out to Grandview, following unfortunate events from last week when violence erupted at a

community-wide event. Downtown Lee's Summit Main Street will be holding the annual Downtown Days the first weekend in June and he wanted to make sure the City was prepared if something should occur.

3. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:

A. [2017-1138](#) Consideration of District 4 City Councilmember filings

Following public notice and the submittal of applications, Mayor and Council conducted interviews to fill the vacant seat in District 4. Ten citizens from District 4 applied for consideration and were present at the meeting. Each candidate was afforded a five-minute period in which to speak and the common theme was their genuine passion for this city and for quality of life for their families and other members of the community.

Councilmembers were provided an opportunity to ask questions to specific candidates. Some of the questions were how they would handle conflict and tough decisions, how to effectively communicate with constituents, or the three main issues they feel the City is facing. One councilmember asked all the candidates if they were only interested in serving this one year and no one raised a hand, indicating their interest to participate in future elections.

After all questions were asked and answered, Mayor Rhoads opened the floor for nominations. While the entire Council and the Mayor agreed that all ten candidates were excellent, Councilmember Edson nominated Mr. Fred DeMoro, Councilmember Carlyle nominated Ms. Gladys Bratton and Councilmember Binney nominated Ms. Dana Arth.

A roll call vote was held and Councilmembers voted on those who were nominated, as follows:

Binney	<u>Ms. Arth</u>	Seif	<u>Mr. DeMoro</u>
Mosby	<u>Mr. DeMoro</u>	Faith	<u>Mr. DeMoro</u>
Edson	<u>Mr. DeMoro</u>	Forte	<u>Ms. Bratton</u>
Carlyle	<u>Ms. Bratton</u>		

The vote determined Mr. Fred DeMoro, with four votes, to be the candidate who will fill the one-year vacancy. In April of 2018, both Council seats in District 4 will be available for election. Councilmember Mosby's term will expire and he will not be eligible to run due to Charter limits of serving only two consecutive terms. The other election will be for a two-year term to fill the remaining time for this seat, which will expire in 2020.

Mayor and Council congratulated Mr. DeMoro and expressed their appreciation to all the candidates who took the time and effort to participate in this process. The Mayor and Council look forward to their future involvement in the City organization.

- B. [2017-1177](#) Consideration pursuant to Section 3.8 of the City Charter to consider initiation of City Council proceedings regarding potential violation of Section 14.1 and applicability of Section 3.7(b) of the City Charter regarding Missouri Ethics Commission filings dated April 20, 2017 that relate to Councilmember Diane Forte.

Mayor Rhoads opened discussion on the issue, as permitted by Charter, to determine if a majority of the Council wished to initiate action against Councilmember Forte.

Councilmembers spoke on both sides of the issue. Following discussion, a motion was made by Councilmember Mosby, seconded by Councilmember Edson, to proceed with a hearing adhering to Section 3.8 of the Charter in the matter for Diane Forte. A roll call vote rendered the following decision:

ROLL CALL:

Binney	No	Seif	Aye
Faith	No	Edson	Aye
Mosby	Aye	Carlyle	No
Mayor Rhoads	No		

MOTION FAILED

4. **COMMITTEE REPORTS (Committee chairs report on matters held in Committee):**

Councilmember Carlyle advised the Budget Committee will be passing the full budget to the Council, so there will not be a meeting of the Committee.

5. **COUNCIL ROUNDTABLE:**

Councilmember Binney appreciated his appointment as Mayor Pro Tem by Mayor Rhoads. He will be reaching out to the councilmembers to discuss their committee assignments, since appointments are due by the first meeting in June.

Councilmember Mosby asked Mr. Dunning to make sure he and Mr. DeMoro are briefed on the property discussed in public comments.

6. **STAFF ROUNDTABLE:**

7. **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Mayor Rhoads ADJOURNED the May 11, 2017, City Council Regular Session No. 35 at 9:10 p.m.

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