

STATE OF MAINE

COUNTY OF YORK

CITY OF SACO

I. CALL TO ORDER – On Monday, July 13, 2015 at 5:16 p.m. a Council Meeting was held in the City Hall Conference Room.

II. ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS – Mayor Donald Pilon conducted a roll call of the members and determined that the Councilors present constituted a quorum. Councilors present: David Precourt, Leslie Smith Jr., Kevin Roche, Arthur Tardif, Eric Cote and Nathan Johnston. Interim City Administrator Cheryl Fournier was also present.

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

IV. GENERAL

V. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments this evening.

VI. AGENDA

A. APPOINTMENT OF COUNCILOR TO WARD 3

Effective June 16, 2015, Councilor Bette Brunswick has resigned from her seat as City Councilor for Ward 3. The City Code provides a process for filling the vacancy of a City Council member through:

Section 2.06 Vacancies, Forfeiture of Office, Filling of Vacancies:

C. Filling of Vacancies.

2.“In the case of a vacancy created in the City Council less than twelve (12) months prior to the next regular municipal election, the remaining members of the City Council may appoint an eligible person to fill the unexpired term within thirty (30) days after the vacancy occurs. If the City Council fails to make such appointment within thirty (30) days, the Mayor shall appoint an eligible person to fill the unexpired term within ten (10) days thereafter.”

Four candidates have submitted a letter of introduction to the Mayor and City Council, in which he/she requests to be appointed to fill the vacant city council seat in Ward 3. The candidates were: Todd Labonte, William Kany, Thomas Roughan and Peter Yarborough (Mr. Yarborough withdrew his request for appointment before the meeting).

Councilor Smith moved, Councilor Roche seconded “Be it Ordered that the City Council accept Bette Brunswick’s resignation as Councilor for Ward 3 and appoint Thomas Roughan of 7 Truman Avenue to fill the City Council seat for Ward 3.” Further move to approve the Order.

Mayor Pilon noted that the Charter states that “A person who holds an appointive office in the City government or is an employee of the City shall be eligible to be a candidate for an elective office in the City government, but shall not take elective office unless he resigns from the appointive offices or City employment prior to the start of the term of office for which he was elected, except as otherwise provided by law”.

Mr. Roughan currently edits a newsletter for the Fire Department and receives a quarterly stipend for doing this.

There was discussion about whether a quarterly stipend would qualify as employment and it was agreed that it would regardless of how much time he works or how much money he receives.

Mr. Roughan agreed that he would give up his employment with the Fire Department and submit a letter of resignation to them if he was appointed to the Council.

Todd Labonte addressed the Council pertaining to why he would like to be appointed to the Council.

Mayor Pilon called for a vote on the motion. The motion passed with six (6) yeas.

There was a brief recess while Mr. Roughan was being sworn into office by the City Clerk.

The Interim City Administrator Cheryl Fournier and City Clerk Michele Hughes were both excused before the Council went into Executive Session. Labor Consultant Michael Wing took the minutes for the remainder of the Council meeting.

VII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Councilor Smith moved, Councilor Tardif seconded “Be it Ordered that the City Council, Pursuant to [M.R.S.A. Chapter 18, Subchapter 1, §405 (6)] move to enter into Executive Session to discuss: (A) City Administrator Recruitment and Selection Process. The motion passed with seven (7) yeas. TIME: 5:40 p.m.

REPORT FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION

Councilor Precourt moved, Councilor Roche seconded to move from the Executive Session. The motion passed with seven (7) yeas. TIME: 9:45 p.m.

Mayor Pilon conducted a roll call of the members and determined that the Councilors present constituted a quorum. Councilors present: David Precourt, Leslie Smith Jr., Thomas Roughan, Kevin Roche, Arthur Tardif, Eric Cote and Nathan Johnston.

There was no report this evening.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Precourt moved, Councilor Smith seconded to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed with seven (7) yeas. TIME: 9:46 p.m.

Attest: _____
Michele L. Hughes, City Clerk

Michael Wing, Labor Consultant