

GASTONIA CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING
JUNE 7, 2022 – 4:00 P.M.
SPINDLE CONFERENCE ROOM – CITY HALL – GASTONIA, NC

Mayor Walker E. Reid, III, called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, June 7, 2022, in the Spindle Conference Room, Gastonia, North Carolina. Ms. Candice Owenby, Deputy City Clerk, recorded the minutes.

PRESENT: Mayor Walker E. Reid, III
 Mayor Pro Tem David Kirlin
 Council Members: Robert Kellogg
 James Gallagher
 Charles Odom
 Jennifer M. Stepp
 Donyel Barber
 City Manager Michael C. Peoples
 City Attorney L. Ashley Smith

ABSENT: None

CITIZEN COMMITTEE APPOINTMENT DISCUSSION

Mayor Reid asked for recommendations from Council.

AIRPORT ADVISORY COMMITTEE (3-Year Terms)

Robert P. Allen – Short-term Tenant
 Robert “Bob” Beitel – Stanley Aero Club

The Council voted unanimously to table the Airport Advisory Appointments to the June 21st City Council Meeting.

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL BOARD (3-Year Terms)

Brenda Craig
 Melvin Burris

Councilman Gallagher nominated Mr. Melvin Burris and Mr. Keith Tidwell. After some discussion the Council voted unanimously to close the nominations and approved the nomination.

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Mark Epstein – At Large Seat, Mayoral Appointment

Mayor Reid made a motion to reappoint Mr. Mark Epstein to the At Large Seat for a 3-year term. Council voted unanimously to approve the motion.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CITIZENS ADVISORY BOARD (2-Year Terms)

Dr. Pierre Crawford – Ward I

Albert Moss – Ward II

Casandra Byrd – Ward IV

Daniel Caudill – At Large Seat, Mayoral Appointment

Mr. Smith stated the Wards need to be check before Ward appointments are made. Mr. Smith and Ms. Owenby confirmed the Wards for all Ward appointments.

Councilman Odom made a motion to reappoint Dr. Pierre Crawford to Ward I, Mr. Albert Moss to Ward II, nominated Ms. Brandi Meeks for the Ward IV, and reappoint Mr. Daniel Caudill to the At Large Seat. No other nominations were made and the Council voted unanimously to close the nominations and approved the motion.

HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION (3-Year Terms)

Andi Eddlemon

Ed Starr

Joshua Hauser

Jerry Tucker (term expires June 30, 2023)

Chairperson: Andy Eddleman

Vice Chairperson: Ed Starr

Councilwoman Stepp recommended appointing Ms. Carol Hauer as Vice Chairperson. Councilman Kellogg nominated Mr. Jeffrey Trepel to fill the remaining term of Mr. Jerry Tucker whose term expires June 30, 2023. The Council voted unanimously to close the nominations and approved the nominations.

GASTONIA PLANNING COMMISSION (3-Year Terms)

Robert Cinq-Mars – Ward II

Jim Stewart – Ward III

Anthony Gallant – At Large Seat

Chairperson: Kristy Ferguson

Vice Chairperson: Jim Stewart

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After some discussion the Council voted unanimously to close the nominations and reappoint Mr. Robert Cinq-Mars, Mr. Jim Stewart, Mr. Anthony Gallant and Ms. Kristy Ferguson as Chairperson and Mr. Jim Stewart as Vice Chairperson.

RECREATION ADVISORY COMMISSION (3-Year Terms)

Vacant – Ward II (previously held by Will McDonald)

Chris Thomason – Ward III

Ephram Winkfield – Ward IV

Brandy Lee – Ward VI

Michael Dickson – At Large Seat #1

Vacant – Youth Member (1 school year term)

Mr. Smith stated that Mr. Ephram Winkfield is now located in Ward V.

The appointments for Ward II, Ward IV, and Ward VI will be tabled to the June 21, 2022 Council Meeting.

After some discussion Councilman Gallagher nominated Mr. Chris Thomason to Ward III and Mr. Ephram Winkfield to the At Large Seat #1. The Council voted unanimously to close the nominations and approved the nomination.

TREE ADVISORY COMMISSION (3-Year Terms)

Erlinda Lorenzo-Polk

Councilwoman Stepp made a motion to close nominations and reappoint Ms. Erlinda Lorenzo-Polk. The Council voted unanimously to close the nominations and approved the motion.

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT (3-Year Terms)

William “Bill” Marino – Regular Member

Lee Taylor, Jr. – Regular Member

Casandra Byrd – Alternate Member

Octavius Reid – Alternate Member

Councilman Gallagher nominated keeping Mr. Bill Marino as a Regular Member.

Mayor Pro Tem Kirlin nominated Ms. Jenna Jourdet to replace Ms. Casandra Byrd as an Alternate Member.

Mayor Reid nominated keeping Mr. Octavius Reid as an Alternate Member.

The Council voted unanimously to close the nominations and approved the nominations.

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The revised Citizen Committee Appointments will be on the June 21, 2022 Regular Council Agenda to address the tabled items and confirm appointments.

(Reference as contained in Exhibit Book 7 to Minute Book 111 at Page 13).

MEETING ADJOURNED

Mayor Reid adjourned the meeting at 4:56 p.m.

Mayor Walker E. Reid, III

L. Ashley Smith, City Attorney

Candice G. Owenby, Deputy City Clerk

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