
PROCEEDINGS OF THE MANISTEE CITY COUNCIL – JUNE 22, 2021

A special meeting of the Manistee City Council was called to order by his honor, Mayor Roger Zielinski on Tuesday, June 22, 2021, at 6:00 p.m. in the Ramsdell Theatre, 101 Maple Street, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESENT: David Bachman, Lynda Beaton, Roger Zielinski, Jermaine Sullivan, Michael Szymanski, James Grabowski, and Erin Martin Pontiac

ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESENT: City Manager – Thad Taylor, City Attorney – George Saylor, Deputy City Clerk – Lora Laurain, and Police Chief – Josh Glass

AMEND AGENDA

MOTION by Martin Pontiac, second by Bachman to amend the Agenda to add items IV d.) Council has received information from the Michigan Municipal League regarding potential candidates for the City Manager position that were not interviewed and whose request for confidentiality must still be maintained. If Council desires to discuss potential candidates who have requested confidentiality it should proceed into Closed Session as provided in section 8 (f) of the Michigan Open Meetings Act and e.) Consideration of directing the Michigan Municipal League (MML) to contact selected applicants to determine their interest in interviewing for the position of City Manager, allowing action by Council on these additional items.

With a roll call vote this motion passed unanimously.

AYES: Bachman, Beaton, Zielinski, Sullivan, Szymanski, Grabowski, and Martin Pontiac

NAYS: None

CITIZEN COMMENTS ON AGENDA RELATED ITEMS

None

PROFILING SESSION WITH CITY COUNCIL AS PART OF THE PROCESS FOR IDENTIFYING A NEW CITY MANAGER – Michigan Municipal League Search Facilitator Glenn Anderson

Council held a discussion on how to proceed with the search for a new City Manager. Consensus was to consider additional applicants who had not been interviewed during the previous round of interviews and to possibly call back applicants for a second interview.

CITIZEN COMMENT

None

OFFICIALS AND STAFF

None

COUNCILMEMBERS

Martin Pontiac asked for an update of reports of local vehicle break-ins.

Grabowski asked for clarification on a letter received regarding the Ad Hoc Blight Committee.

COUNCIL HAS RECEIVED INFORMATION FROM THE MICHIGAN MUNICIPAL LEAGUE REGARDING POTENTIAL CANDIDATES FOR THE CITY MANAGER POSITION THAT WERE NOT INTERVIEWED AND WHOSE REQUEST FOR CONFIDENTIALITY MUST STILL BE MAINTAINED. IF COUNCIL DESIRES TO DISCUSS POTENTIAL CANDIDATES WHO HAVE REQUESTED CONFIDENTIALITY IT SHOULD PROCEED INTO CLOSED SESSION AS PROVIDED IN SECTION 8 (F) OF THE MICHIGAN OPEN MEETINGS ACT.

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MOTION by Beaton, second by Sullivan to proceed into Closed Session under Section 8 (f) of the Michigan Open Meetings Act to review and consider the contents of applications for employment as City Manager where the applicants have requested confidentiality. Time 6:11 p.m.

With a roll call vote this motion passed unanimously.

AYES: Bachman, Beaton, Zielinski, Sullivan, Szymanski, Grabowski, and Martin Pontiac

NAYS: None

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION – Time 6:34 p.m.

CONSIDERATION OF DIRECTING THE MICHIGAN MUNICIPAL LEAGUE (MML) TO CONTACT SELECTED APPLICANTS TO DETERMINE THEIR INTEREST IN INTERVIEWING FOR THE POSITION OF CITY MANAGER

MOTION by Martin Pontiac, second by Sullivan to direct the MML Facilitator to contact applicant numbers 14 and 17 to determine their interest in interviewing for the position of City Manager and to schedule a second interview with William Gambill.

With a roll call vote this motion passed unanimously.

AYES: Bachman, Beaton, Zielinski, Sullivan, Szymanski, Grabowski, and Martin Pontiac

NAYS: None

ADJOURN

MOTION by Szymanski, second by Grabowski to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 6:37 p.m.

Lora Y Laurain, MiPMC
Deputy City Clerk