

The Council of the City of North Royalton met in the North Royalton City Hall Council Chambers, 14600 State Road on **September 3, 2020 in Special Council Work Session**. The meeting was called to order at **6:00 p.m.** by President of Council Paul Marnecheck.

PRESENT: Council: President of Council Paul Marnecheck, Council Representatives Jessica Fenos, Linda Barath, Jeremy Dietrich, Vincent Weimer, Michael Wos, Legislative Services Director Dana Schroeder; **Administration:** Mayor Antoskiewicz, Law Director Tom Kelly

Ms. Schroeder, Director of Legislative Services read the notice of the Special Council Work Session.

SPECIAL MEETING ITEMS:

- **INTERVIEW QUALIFIED CANDIDATES FOR THE POSITION OF WARD 3 COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE**

Mr. Marnecheck acknowledged the presence of candidates:

Teresita Jones-Thomas
Jeremiah Sawyer
Paul Casey
Mike Ensor
Kathryn Obracay
Joanne Krejci
Dale Anderson II

Each candidate was interviewed in the order that they applied: 1) Ms. Jones-Thomas 2) Mr. Sawyer 3) Mr. Casey 4) Mr. Ensor 5) Ms. Obracay 6) Ms. Krejci 7) Mr. Anderson

At this point in the meeting, there was a lengthy question and answer period between members of Council and each applicant (1 at a time) for the Ward 3 position including, but not limited to: the question of - is there anything in your background that if discovered or brought to light would be embarrassing to yourself or the City; a general overview, community involvement, and personal and professional life; would the prospective candidate run for the 2021 term if appointed or not appointed this evening; how would the candidates' current employer react to them being a City Council representative and the negativity that sometimes surrounds decisions Council members have to make that would come to their attention (implications from social media, specifically); what would be the candidates course of action when dealing with a dispute of 2 residents (1 being a friend); how the prospective candidates deal with criticism in their personal and professional lives; time restraints enabling candidates from meeting on regularly scheduled Council evenings and also Special meetings; how would the prospective candidate develop businesses, specifically the Industrial Park area in Ward 3; question of awareness of the circumstances that led to the original Ward 3 vacancy and analysis of that situation and how the prospective candidates would address it as a member of Council; etc. All Council representatives were given an opportunity to ask questions of the applicants. All applicants were given an opportunity to address Council regarding their interest in the position.

Moved by Mr. Marnecheck, seconded by Mr. Dietrich to **adjourn the September 3, 2020 Special Council Work Session**. Roll Call: Yeas: **Six** (Marnecheck, Fenos, Barath, Dietrich, Weimer, Wos). **Meeting adjourned at 8:41 p.m.**

APPROVED: /s/ Paul F. Marnecheck DATE APPROVED: September 15, 2020
PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

ATTEST: /s/ Dana A. Schroeder
DIRECTOR OF LEGISLATIVE SERVICES