MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE LAKE FOREST CITY COUNCIL

The special meeting of the Lake Forest City Council was held December 10, 2013 at the Lake Forest Council Chamber, 25550 Commercentre Drive, Lake Forest, California 92630 at 5:35 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

Council Members:

Adam Nick

Dwight Robinson

Mayor Pro Tem:

Kathryn McCullough

Mayor

Scott Voigts

City Manager: City Attorney:

Robert C. Dunek Scott C. Smith

City Attorney: City Clerk:

Stephanie D. Smith

PUBLIC SESSION

INVOCATION:

The Invocation was led by Mayor Pro Tem McCullough.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of our Country was led by Mayor Voigts.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

The public offered no comments.

DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS:

1. COUNCIL CANDIDATE INTERVIEWS AND APPOINTMENT PROCESS - CITY COUNCIL MEMBER FOR THE REMAINDER OF A FOUR-YEAR TERM EXPIRING DECEMBER 2014 submitted by Deputy City Manager/Director of Management Services.

City Manager Dunek introduced the staff report dated December 10, 2013. He reviewed the procedural process as selected by the Council for the interview and appointment for the Council position. City Clerk Smith introduced each applicant individually for their interviews.

Mr. Terry Anderson reviewed his qualifications and was interviewed by Council.

Ms. Terri Lynn Graham reviewed her qualifications and was interviewed by Council.

Mr. Jim Richert presented his qualifications and was interviewed by Council.

Mr. Dave Bass presented his qualifications and was interviewed by Council.

RECESS: The City Council recessed at 6:32 p.m.

RECONVENE: The City Council reconvened at 6:43 p.m., with all Members present.

Mr. Hugh Everhart presented his qualifications and was interviewed by Council.

Mr. Steve Carlson presented his qualifications and was interviewed by Council.

RECESS: The City Council recessed at 8:12 p.m.

RECONVENE: The City Council reconvened at 8:19 p.m., with all Members present.

Ms. Anna Antoniou reviewed her qualifications and was interviewed by Council.

Mr. Trevor Sullivan presented his qualifications and was interviewed by Council.

Ms. Jowanna Cannon presented her background and qualifications and was interviewed by Council.

Ms. Marcia Rudolph reviewed her background and was interviewed by Council.

Mr. Jim Gardner spoke to his qualifications and was interviewed by Council.

Mr. Andrew Hamilton reviewed his qualifications and was interviewed by Council.

Council began deliberation.

ACTION: The City Council deliberated and conducted five rounds of voting. The City Clerk read the results with each round. There was no majority vote.

Council discussion ensued.

Mayor Pro Tem McCullough stated her concerns with a tiered vote. She asked if she abstained would there be a majority of votes to ensure a selection.

City Manager Dunek stated Council could use the tiered system to eliminate the applicants who received only one vote. He stated with three votes there would be a majority and it would be possible to select a council member.

RECESS: The City Council recessed at 9:42 p.m.

RECONVENE: The City Council reconvened at 9:51 p.m., with all Members present.

ACTION: The Council ranked their top three candidates with each Council Member marking an individual ballot with the numbers 1, 2, and 3 next to their top three candidates.

ACTION: Ballot Round 6 was conducted on the candidates ranked Number 1 by each of the Council Members. No majority decision was reached.

ACTION: Ballot Round 7 was conducted on the candidates ranked Number 2 by each of the Council members. No majority decision was reached.

ACTION: Ballot Round 8 was conducted on the candidates ranked Number 3 by each of the Council members. No majority decision was reached.

Council discussion continued.

RECESS: The City Council recessed at 10:29 p.m.

RECONVENE: The City Council reconvened at 10:38 p.m., with all Members present.

City Manager Dunek reviewed the results of the tiered balloting and explained that three candidates consistently received votes at different times during the balloting. He provided the Council with options for voting on those three candidates, while also suggesting the Council may wish to reconsider the ranking method with the added dimension of applying weight to the different ranks.

Council discussion continued. Mayor Pro Tem McCullough expressed concern the weighted system is being added without sufficient analysis and explanation.

Council Members reviewed their top three choices and their reasons for selecting

individual candidates.

City Manager Dunek reviewed the options available to the City Council, including the option of calling a special election or allowing the decision to default to a special election. He reviewed the voting history from earlier in the meeting, and related the names of candidates who had received previous votes. He stated the Council may or may not find consensus through the process during this meeting. He provided the option of continuing the meeting to the following evening.

RECESS: The City Council recessed at 10:56 p.m.

RECONVENE: The City Council reconvened at 11:03 p.m., with all Members present.

Mayor Pro Tem McCullough repeated her concerns about the process utilized to vote for applicants. Council Members discussed their availability for continuing the meeting to Wednesday, December 11, 2013.

Council discussion continued.

MOTION: Council Member Robinson moved to appoint Andrew Hamilton, second by Mayor Voigts. MOTION FAILED with Council Member Nick and Mayor Pro Tem McCullough abstained.

MOTION: On motion by Mayor Voigts and second by Council Member Robinson, the City Council selected applicant David A. Bass to replace the vacant Council position of former Peter Herzog, a four-year term expiring in November 2014. MOTION CARRIED with Council Members Nick, Robinson, and Voigts in favor of Mr. Bass with Mayor Pro Tem McCullough abstained.

CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Council Member Nick offered no comments.

Council Member Robinson offered no comments.

Mayor Pro Tem McCullough offered no comments.

Mayor Voigts offered no comments.

ADJOURNMENT:

The City Council of the City of Lake Forest adjourned at 11:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

STEPHANIE D. SMITH, CMC CITY CLERK

SCOTT VOIGTS MAYOR