

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
SPECIAL MEETING

KERRVILLE, TEXAS
OCTOBER 20, 2016

On October 20, 2016, the Kerrville City Council special meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Mayor Pro Tem Stephen Fine in the city hall council chambers at 701 Main Street.

COUNCILMEMBERS PRESENT:

Stephen P. Fine	Mayor Pro Tem
Gene Allen	Councilmember
Glenn Andrew	Councilmember

COUNCILMEMBER ABSENT:

Bonnie White	Mayor
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CITY CORE STAFF PRESENT:

Todd Parton	City Manager
Mike Hayes	City Attorney
EA Hoppe	Deputy City Manager
Brenda Craig	City Secretary
Kaitlin Berry	Special Projects Manager
Dannie Smith	Fire Chief
Kim Meismer	Director of General Services

VISITORS PRESENT: List on file in city secretary's office for the required retention period.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Authorize funding application to the City of Kerrville, Texas Economic Improvement Corporation in the amount of \$1.5 million for improvements to the H-E-B Tennis Center.

Mr. Andrew moved for approval of the application; Mr. Allen seconded the motion and it passed 3-0.

CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION:

Applications and appointment thereof to fill a vacancy, Kerrville City Councilmember Place Three.

The following persons spoke:

1. George Barody stated he was the most qualified applicant. He ran for council twice, and he received the next highest number of votes in the last election. He stated he had over 450 signatures of people who supported him, and he did not have a conflict of interest on any issue.
2. Vincent Voelkel stated it would be disingenuous to choose someone who had not run in the last council election as he and Mr. Barody had. He questioned if any councilmembers had encouraged any of the other applicants to apply. He opined that council should appoint George Barody since he received the next highest number of votes.

3. Bill Fitch opined that council should appoint the person who received the most votes, George Baroody.

4. Peggy McKay supported George Baroody and felt that he would think through the process of issues. He had not been challenged on his figures or opinions, and he received the second highest votes in the election and would have won in a two-person race. If Mr. Baroody was appointed there would be more cooperation among councilmembers, and he was younger.

5. Robert Naman stated that all councilmembers should be present for this vote and noted at the October 11 meeting Councilmember Andrew stated the appointment should be unanimous. He and his wife supported George Baroody; he ran for council twice and received the next highest votes in the 2016 election. He had technical knowledge of issues. When the Place Two position was vacated previously, the remaining candidates endorsed George Baroody.

6. Justin MacDonald noted that of all of the applicants, he was the only one who had been elected previously; in fact, he was the last person to have filled the Place Three position prior to Mr. Stork. He had a head start on other applicants and did not have to get up to speed on issues. He had knowledge of city operations and infrastructure and could assist in the selection of the new city manager and other key staff transitions.

7. Bruce Stracke noted that this decision was larger than just filling one seat, with all of the changes in the past six months. The voters had trust in the councilmembers to make decisions and to continue to guide the city.

8. Mary Ellen Summerlin noted she applied for the position because she was eager to do the job and because she had experience hiring city managers in the past, having been mayor of Port Arthur, Texas previously. She not only had experience on city councils in the past, but also had served on the Headwaters Groundwater Conservation Board.

Mr. Fine stated that all applicants were well qualified to be on the city council. The person appointed should best fit the needs of the city at this time. Council had the important task of filling the city manager position.

Mr. Andrew noted that one application had been received after the deadline, and that application should not be considered.

George Baroody stated that under Section 551.074B he requested that discussion be held in open session. Mr. Andrew noted that according to the city attorney, city council could go into executive session to discuss the applications, but if Mr. Baroody wanted his application to be excluded from discussion in executive session, he could request that. Mr. Baroody said it was fine; that was not the reason for his request.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Mr. Andrew moved for the city council to go into executive closed session under Sections 551.074 of the Texas Government Code; motion was seconded by Mr. Allen and passed 3-0 to discuss the following:

Section 551.074:

- Applications and appointment thereof to fill a vacancy, Kerrville City Councilmember Place Three.

At 5:21 p.m. the regular meeting recessed. Council went into executive closed session at 5:22 p.m. At 5:44 p.m. the executive closed session recessed and council returned to open session at 5:45 p.m.

ACTION ON ITEM DISCUSSED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Mr. Andrew moved to appoint Mary Ellen Summerlin to the Place Three position on the Kerrville City Council; Mr. Allen seconded the motion and it passed 3 to 0.

ADJOURNMENT. The meeting adjourned at 5:47 p.m.

APPROVED: 12-13-16

ATTEST:

Stephen Fine, Mayor Pro Tem

Brenda G. Craig, City Secretary