

# **City of Ann Arbor**

*301 E. Huron St.*

*Ann Arbor, MI 48104*

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## **Meeting Minutes**

**Monday, November 28, 2016**

**7:00 PM**

**Special Session**

**Larcom City Hall, 301 E Huron St, Second floor, City Council  
Chambers**

**City Council**

**CALL TO ORDER**

*Mayor Taylor called the Special meeting of the Ann Arbor City Council to order at 7:02 p.m. in the Guy C. Larcom, Jr. Building, 2nd Floor Council Chambers, 301 E. Huron Street.*

**READING OF ORDER AND NOTICE OF CALL OF SPECIAL SESSION**

*City Clerk Jacqueline Beaudry read the Order and Notice of Special Session.*

**MOMENT OF SILENCE**

*Council stood for a moment of silence.*

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

*Mayor Taylor led Council in the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.*

**ROLL CALL OF COUNCIL**

**Present:** 11 - Councilmember Sabra Briere, Mayor Christopher Taylor, Councilmember Jane Lumm, Councilmember Sumi Kailasapathy, Councilmember Chuck Warpehoski, Councilmember Jack Eaton, Councilmember Julie Grand, Councilmember Graydon Krapohl, Councilmember Kirk Westphal, Councilmember Zachary Ackerman and Councilmember Chip Smith

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**A motion was made by Councilmember Lumm, seconded by Councilmember Westphal, that the Agenda be approved. On a voice vote, the Mayor declared the motion carried.**

**NEW BUSINESS**

1. [16-1678](#) Public Interview of Applicants for Anticipated Vacant First Ward Council Seat

*City Council conducted thirty minute interviews of each of the following candidates:*

*KC Lopata*

*Charles Jason Frenzel  
Jeffrey Hayner*

*(The following text was added with the approval of the minutes on January 3, 2017.)*

*Candidates were asked the following questions during their individual thirty minute interviews:*

- 1. How long have you lived in Ann Arbor, and what have you done during that time to help your community solve problems? Have you served in a voluntary leadership role for a non-profit, school, County, or City organization? If so, what did you do?*
- 2. Are you affiliated with any organizations or political parties that might take a position on City policies and projects? If so, have you found that you regularly agree with those positions? If not, why not?*
- 3. Many decisions facing Council are divisive - particularly those that affect quality of life for Ann Arbor's residents. Some residents will urge a particular vote; others will urge the opposite. City staff may indicate that a specific decision is more in keeping with approved planning documents or with state law. How will you balance all of this information and come to an informed decision?*
- 4. What would you like to get accomplished in your first year on Council?*
- 5. We do not seek a commitment to vote one way or the other on any matter, but please tell us how you think through some of the more specific issues that are relevant to First Ward voters such as development of the DTE property and Lowertown; a new Train Station; or the deer management program. Are there other First Ward issues that you would like to address?*

**Received and Filed**

*Mayor Taylor declared a recess at 8:30 p.m. The meeting reconvened at 8:40 p.m.*

**16-1678** Public Interview of Applicants for Anticipated Vacant First Ward Council Seat

*The interviews of the candidates continued. The following candidates*

were interviewed:

*David Roman Moya  
Charles Bultman  
Brent H. Eliason*

*With unanimous consent of Council, the Council also interviewed Mr. Taha Hussain.*

*Mayor Taylor thanked the candidates and informed the public that a decision would be made at the December 5 City Council meeting, pending Councilmember Briere's resignation on that date.*

**PUBLIC COMMENT - GENERAL (3 MINUTES EACH)**

*Edward Vielmetti, 4th Ward, thanked Council for their thoughtful process in selecting a new Council Member. He noted that thirty minutes provides a better opportunity for commentary in front of Council, as opposed to those who only have three minutes to speak at Public Comment.*

*Chris Crockett, 1st Ward, stated Council Member Briere is irreplaceable. She thanked Council for the process and stated she is not yet ready to make her own decision. She expressed disappointment that none of the questions focused on historic preservation. She thanked Council for the public process.*

*Julie Ritter, First Ward, urged Council to include all of the applicants in some service to the City, stating there were many good candidates.*

**ADJOURNMENT**

**A motion was made by Councilmember Briere, seconded by Councilmember Westphal, that the meeting adjourn. On a voice vote, the Mayor declared the motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 10:20 p.m.**

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