

SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
City Council – Special Meeting
May 11, 2021 – 6:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Mayor Wyman Williams, Outgoing Mayor Pro Tempore Gene Lockhart,
Council Members Anthony Henry, Beckey Thompson and Stephanie Muller,
and Incoming Council Member Teddy Reel

STAFF PRESENT: City Secretary Molly Jacobsen

OTHERS PRESENT: Former Council Member Jean Klaus

ABSENT:

1. Call to order:

Mayor Wyman Williams called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

2. Recognition of Service of former Council Member Jean Klaus.

Mayor Wyman Williams stated:

“Mrs. Jean Klaus served faithfully on the Commerce City Council since May of 2013 through May of 2020. Due to the pandemic, we were unable to recognize Ms. Klaus’ service on the City Council in a public meeting following the May 2020 Election. We would like to take the time to celebrate her now. During her time on council, she has served as Ex Officio of the Commerce Economic Development Corporation and Ex Officio of the Beautification Commission. She is a former member of Rotary and the Louise Drake Garden Club and is in Coterie Club and has been an active contributor of the Retired Teachers Association. Jean served the First Baptist Church in various roles volunteering her time there over the years as well. Jean has spent years dedicating her time and energy to bettering her City and her community.

Mrs. Klaus has been a resident of Commerce for over 50 years. She has a daughter Andrea who lives near the Allen area with her husband. Mrs. Klaus has two granddaughters, Elise, who is in middle school and Alyssa, who attends college at Ole Miss.

We are so grateful for her service and to know that Ms. Klaus will continue to serve Commerce for years to come. We applaud your commitment to your community and all your years of service.”

3. Recognition of Service of Outgoing Council Member Gene Lockhart.

Mayor Wyman Williams stated:

“Gene Lockhart was appointed to the City Council to fill a vacant seat on November 17, 2015. He was later officially elected to City Council, Place 4 by the voters of Commerce in May of 2016.

Before being elected to City Council, Mr. Lockhart served as a member of the 2015 Charter Review Committee and the Building Standards Commission - from its creation in December 2014 until his appointment to the Council in November 2015. Mr. Lockhart also served on the Board of Adjustment from May of 2007 until his appointment to the City Council in 2015 and serves on the Animal Shelter Advisory Board as the Council Member representative since May of 2016 and was the Chairman for that board.

Gene is a Rotarian. He moved here in 1969 as a music professor and later became Music Department Head and later a University Vice President. After being Vice President for several years, he again led the Department of Music until his retirement. He served as a Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) volunteer for several years and has had several leadership positions with Commerce First United Methodist Church. He has been married to Carolyn for over 50 years and they have two children, Jennifer Williams and Stephen Lockhart. Gene and Carolyn share three grandsons as well, Wesley, Benjamin and Max Williams.

We are so grateful for the service of Mr. Lockhart to the City of Commerce. We applaud your service and thank you for your commitment to bettering your community. "

3. Discussion and Possible Action on a Resolution canvassing the Returns and Declaring the Results of the City of Commerce May 1, 2021 General Election.

City Secretary Molly Jacobsen discussed that the Resolution canvassed the results of the May 1, 2021 General Election for the purpose of electing City Council Member Place Two (2) and Place Four (4).

For this election, there were 330 and 322 valid and legal votes cast respectively for Place Two (2) and Place Four (4). Of these votes cast, Mrs. Beckey Thompson received 261 of the 330 votes and Mr. Teddy Reel received 254 of the 322 votes. City Staff requests Council approve this Resolution to canvass the returns and declaring the results of the May 1, 2021 Election.

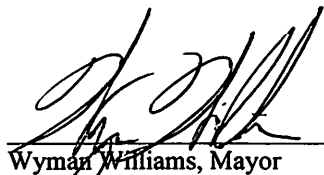
Council Member Stephanie Muller moved to adopt the Resolution. The motion was seconded by Council Member Anthony Henry and the vote carried unanimously.

4. Issuance of Certificates of Election and Administer Oath of Office for newly elected Council Members Beckey Thompson, Place Two (2), and Teddy Reel, Place Four (4).

The Oath of Office was administered to newly elected Council Members Beckey Thompson, Place Two (2) and Teddy Reel, Place Four (4).

4. Adjourn.

Council Member Stephanie Muller made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:14 p.m. Council Member Anthony Henry seconded the motion, resulting in a unanimous vote to adjourn.


Wyman Williams, Mayor


Molly Jacobsen, City Secretary

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