

MINUTES
SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING
February 1, 2022 - 6:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Mayor Pro Tempore Anthony Henry, Council Members Stephanie Muller and Beckey Thompson

STAFF PRESENT: City Manager Howdy Lisenbee and Director of Administrative Services Molly Jacobsen

OTHERS PRESENT:

ABSENT: Mayor Wyman Williams and Council Member Teddy Reel

1. Call to Order.

Mayor Pro Tem Anthony Henry called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

2. Discussion and Possible Action on an Ordinance calling the May 7, 2022 Special Election for the purpose of electing Place Four (4) for a two-year term from May 2022-May 2024.

Director of Administrative Services Molly Jacobsen reminded the Council that last month they called the General Municipal Election for the city of Commerce to take place on May 7, 2022. The filing period opened the following day from January 19 through February 18, 2022. Current Council member Teddy Reel filed for the place of Mayor. The place of Mayor is the only position, by Charter, that will be on the ballot for the General Municipal Election. As a result of Place Four (4) vacating his spot on the Council, we have to call a Special Election in order to fill that unexpired term for the duration of the term, which would be May 2022 through May 2024. Consistent with our charter, in order for us to conduct that election, that election has to be called separately by the governing body. We are asking the Council tonight to call a Special Election to fill the unexpired term for Place Four (4).

Director Jacobsen provided the Council with a Special Election calendar. At last month's meeting, the Council received a General Election calendar. The only difference in the dates is that we plan to run early voting on the special election concurrently with the General Election. The only dates that are different are the filing period, which she noted that in order to file for a place on the ballot to run for Mayor, the person would have to file between January 19 to February 18, 2022 at 5:00 p.m and the filing period for Place Four (4), which is the special part of the election, will run from February 2 through March 3, 2022.

Council Member Beckey Thompson made a motion to approve the Ordinance calling the May 7, 2022 Special Election for the purpose of electing Place Four (4) for a two-year term from May 2022-May 2024. Council Member Stephanie Muller seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

3. Adjourn.

Mayor Pro Tem Anthony Henry adjourned the meeting at 6:02 p.m.

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