

**CITY OF HANCOCK  
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING  
JUNE 13, 2018**

Call to order  
Pledge of Allegiance  
Roll Call and verification of quorum

Present: Councilors Haeussler, Seguin, McKenzie, Belej, LaBine and Blau  
Absent: Councilor Bauman

Motion by Councilor LaBine and supported by Councilor Seguin to excuse Councilor Joe Bauman.

Yes: All  
No: None  
Motion Carried

Also Present: Jerry Richards (MML, Executive Recruiter) via speaker phone, Dan Rouleau, Jennifer Biekkola, Amy K. Pellizzaro, Linda Kalinec, Deborah Mann, Andrew Lahti, Michele Blau, Steve Walton, Doug Lancour, Paul Peterson, Miriam Pickens, Chief Wayne Butler, Susanne Boxer, Candi Silvola, Bill Marlor, Catherine Jordan, Anne Brunet, Mackenzie Brunet, Tracie Williams, John A. Zurcher, Allyson Jabusch, Dave Dow, Mitch Lake, Kevin Mackey, Bill Laitila, Kali Katerberg, Carol and Rick Freeman.

Review and approval of agenda

Motion by Councilor LaBine and supported by Councilor Blau to approve agenda.  
Motion not voted on.

Motion by Councilor Belej and supported by Councilor Seguin to amend the first motion and add Public Comment at the beginning and end of the discussion with a 2-minute time limit.

Yes: All  
No: None  
Motion Carried

Addressed the Council:

Susanne Boxer, 326 Navy St. and Rick Freeman, 120 Quincy St., Northwood's Store  
-Would like to know what is going on? What is the special meeting about??

Mayor McKenzie stated Mr. Barry Givens discontinued negotiations with the Personnel Committee and does not want to seek employment any longer.

Councilor Haeussler stated he wants the problem that was created, fixed.

Mayor McKenzie read a statement from the Personnel Committee.

Someone asked who is on the Personnel Committee:

It consists of: Mayor McKenzie, Councilor Paul LaBine, Councilor Ted Belej and City Attorney Kevin Mackey

Public Comment open:

Susanne Boxer, wants problem fixed

Anne Brunet, 1435 Roberts Ct.-wants an arrangement reached

Rick Freeman, renegotiate with Mr. Givens

John Haeussler, 1203 Portage Dr.-the City Council wants Mr. Givens as a candidate, the community wants it also.

Miriam Pickens, 1994 Sylvan Dr.-what happened? People want to know.

Doug Lancour, 1217 W. Quincy St.-Something is wrong. He has worked with Mr. Givens, he is well organized, experienced with the City, liked what he read in the Gazette article about Mr. Givens and how he wants to focus on the downtown and get to work for Hancock. Please make an effort with Mr. Givens!!

Bill Laitila, 200 Cooper Ave.- has known Barry for years, Barry was the Mayor when he was on the City Council. Described Barry as cool, calm and collective and honest, Hancock couldn't find a finer candidate.

No other Public Comment:

Discussion:

Mayor McKenzie asked how they can make it work when there is no response from Mr. Givens. She wants to move forward with negotiations.

Councilor Belej suggested that he remove himself from the Personnel Committee and have other Councilors on the Committee.

There was some discussion of the overlap time, between Barry and present Manager, Glenn Anderson.

Motion by Councilor Belej and supported by Councilor LaBine to redo the Personnel Committee and have it consist of: Councilor Haeussler, Councilor Blau and Councilor LaBine and to have this new Committee meet with Mr. Barry Givens in an attempt to reopen negotiations.

Yes: All  
No: None  
Motion Carried

Discussion:

If the negotiations were to fail again with Mr. Givens, Mayor McKenzie and Councilor Belej asked Jerry, MML, if the City can review the previous pool of applicants or would they have to repost? If the process has to be completely redone, what kind of time and money is the City looking at??

Jerry said it would take 3 months to redo the whole process.

Motion by Councilor Belej and supported by Councilor Haeussler to table this portion of the meeting until the next regular City Council meeting on June 20<sup>th</sup> so the new Personnel Committee has time to meet with Mr. Givens and report back.

Yes: All  
No: None  
Motion Carried

Mayor McKenzie thanked Jerry Richards, MML, before he hung up.

Public Comment open:

Deborah Mann, on City Planning Commission, owner of duplex on W. Quincy St.- stated that Barry is giving up a lot if he takes the City Manager's job, he has his own business, the City Manager's job is a job that goes morning, noon and night, maybe its not just the contract.

Carol Freeman, Northwoods 120 Quincy St.- Barry bought a ticket for the Progressive Dinner that was held last weekend. He shows a genuine interest in the City. People change jobs in their life all the time.

Susanne Boxer-doesn't think she heard the truth tonight, she isn't happy about the Ted Belej resident situation, she wants something done, negotiate in good faith, leave personal agendas at the door.

Councilor Haeussler publicly apologized to Mayor McKenzie and Councilor Belej and City Attorney Kevin Mackey, he didn't leave his frustration at the door. He also apologized to everyone at the meeting. He thanked the City Council for the chance to salvage the negotiations with Mr. Givens.

Dave Dow, 941 Ethel Ave.- Barry is a Hancock graduate, he wants to help the residents of Hancock and the City as a whole. Give him what he wants.

Motion by Councilor Blau and supported by Councilor Belej to adjourn the council meeting at 6:53 p.m.

Yes: All

No: None

Motion Carried

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Lisa McKenzie, Mayor

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Beth Fredianelli, Deputy Clerk