

January 4, 2023

// A special meeting of the Council of the City of Lynchburg was held on the 4th day of January, 2023, at 1:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber, City Hall, Alicia L. Finney, Clerk of Council, presiding. The following Members were present:

Present: Stephanie Reed, Martin Misjuns, Jeff Helgeson, Jerry Taylor, MaryJane Dolan, Sterling

A. Wilder, Chris Faraldi 7

Absent: 0

// In the matter of Mayoral Elections, Agenda Item 1, Council held elections for the position of Mayor for a term beginning January 4, 2023 and expiring December 31, 2024. Clerk of Council Ms. Alicia L. Finney read the rules of procedure and opened the floor for nominations.

Councilmember Taylor nominated Councilmember Helgeson for Mayor.

Councilmember Faraldi nominated Councilmember Reed for Mayor.

With no further nominations, Ms. Finney closed the nomination process and opened the floor for discussion.

Councilmember Misjuns stated that he would support Councilmember Helgeson for Mayor because he was a long-time member of the community and had served the City continuously for 18 years. He said that Councilmember Reed had only been a member of the community for two years, and she did not have local government experience.

Councilmember Dolan stated she had concerns about electing Councilmember Helgeson to Mayor because he wanted to see the City as it was 20 years ago, without growth, development, or advancement in diversity. She stated that Councilmember Reed would work for all City residents, and she had the integrity required for the position. She stated that she would support Councilmember Reed's nomination for Mayor.

Councilmember Helgeson stated that he would serve as a unifying voice on the Council as Mayor and work to bring people together.

With no further discussion from the Council, Ms. Finney closed the discussion and instructed the Council to fill out the mayoral ballots. The following vote was announced:

Councilmember Taylor voted for Councilmember Helgeson.

Councilmember Wilder voted for Councilmember Reed.

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Councilmember Reed voted for herself.

Councilmember Misjuns voted for Councilmember Helgeson.

Councilmember Helgeson voted for himself.

Councilmember Dolan voted for Councilmember Reed

Councilmember Faraldi voted for Councilmember Reed.

Councilmember Helgeson received 3 votes; Councilmember Reed received 4 votes and was elected Mayor and presided over the remainder of the meeting.

// In the matter of Vice Mayoral Elections, Agenda Item #2, Council held elections for the position of Vice Mayor for a term beginning January 4, 2023 and expiring December 31, 2024. Mayor Reed stated that the floor was open for nominations to the position of Vice Mayor. She nominated Councilmember Faraldi.

Councilmember Misjuns nominated Councilmember Helgeson for Vice Mayor.

With no further nominations, Mayor Reed closed the nomination process and opened the floor for discussion.

Councilmember Misjuns expressed concerns about electing Councilmember Faraldi as Vice Mayor. He stated he supported Councilmember Helgeson's nomination because of his adherence to the Constitution.

Councilmember Helgeson stated that it was important for a Vice Mayor to have a good temperament and to recognize the approaching challenges. He said that the Council needed honesty and transparency.

Councilmember Taylor stated he supported Councilmember Helgeson's nomination because they were in community together, and he would complement the Mayor as Vice Mayor.

With no further discussion from the Council, Mayor Reed closed the discussion and instructed the Council to fill out the vice mayoral ballots. The following vote was announced:

Councilmember Dolan voted for Councilmember Faraldi.

Councilmember Faraldi voted for himself.

Councilmember Helgeson voted for himself.

Mayor Reed voted for Councilmember Faraldi.

Councilmember Misjuns voted for Councilmember Helgeson.

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Councilmember Wilder voted for Councilmember Faraldi.

Councilmember Taylor voted for Councilmember Helgeson.

Councilmember Helgeson received 3 votes; Councilmember Faraldi received 4 votes and was elected Vice Mayor.

// In the matter of Dais Seating Arrangement, Agenda Item #3, the Council selected seating arrangements on the dais in accordance to Lynchburg City Council Rules of Procedure § Section 2-8.

// The meeting adjourned at 1:26 p.m.

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Clerk of Council