

THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE FORTIETH COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BERKLEY, MICHIGAN WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 6:00 PM ON TUESDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2024 BY MAYOR DEAN

PRESENT: Councilmember Steve Baker
Councilmember Clarence Black
Mayor Pro Tem Ross Gavin
Councilmember Dennis Hennen
Councilmember Gregory Patterson
Councilmember Jessica Vilani
Mayor Bridget Dean

OTHER STAFF PRESENT:
City Clerk Victoria Mitchell

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Councilmember Patterson moved to approve the Agenda
Seconded by Councilmember Baker
Ayes: Black, Gavin, Hennen, Patterson, Vilani, Baker, and Dean
Nays: None
Motion Approved.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

REGULAR AGENDA

Interviews: Matter of interviewing city manager candidates:
a. Khalfani Stephens
b. Crystal VanVleck
c. M. Jon Dean

Jaymes Vettrano, GovHR, opened the meeting.

Mr. Vettrano said he appreciates the opportunity to facilitate the interviews.

Mr. Vettrano explained the questions were created in advance. All interviewees would be asked the same questions. He provided the questions to Council and described the order the questions would go in.

Mr. Vettrano stated that all three candidates would be brought in one by one. He stated that the interviews would be for one hour. An equitable amount of time must be offered to each candidate.

Mr. Vettrano assigned the question numbers to each councilmember. He then gave them time to review their questions.

Mr. Vettrano stated Council would conduct the interviews and then subsequently receive feedback from the public meet-and-greet and the roundtable interviews conducted during the day with the department directors.

The interviews took place in the order as listed on the agenda.

Members of Council introduced themselves to each candidate and asked the same question during each interview.

Before the questions began, Mr. Vettraiño asked each candidate to cite their three- to five-minute presentation describing themselves and saying why they would be the best fit for Berkley city manager. They were asked to prepare this in advance.

The candidates all discussed their past working history, experience, and personal attributes.

The candidates were offered the opportunity to recite closing comments and ask a question or two to Council.

Mr. Vettraiño wrapped up the meeting. He said the next meeting would be October 7, 2024 at 5:30 p.m. He told Councilmembers to reach out to him if they have any questions.

Councilmember Baker thanked Mr. Vettraiño for his service throughout the search process.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Pro Tem Gavin moved to adjourn the Special Meeting at 9:07 p.m.

Seconded by Councilmember Patterson

Ayes: Gavin, Hennen, Patterson, Vilani, Baker, Black, and Dean

Nays: None.

Motion Approved.

Bridget Dean, Mayor

ATTEST:

Victoria Mitchell, City Clerk