

January 14, 2010
Six o'clock P.M.
North Little Rock City Hall Council Chambers
300 Main Street
North Little Rock, Arkansas

A Special meeting of the North Little Rock City Council scheduled for Thursday, January 14, 2010, was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by the honorable Mayor PATRICK HENRY HAYS. The roll having been called, and the following Aldermen answered to their names: DEBI ROSS, MAURICE TAYLOR, LINDA ROBINSON, SAM BAGGETT, CHARLIE HIGHT, and MURRY WITCHER (6/0), a quorum was declared. Alderwoman BETH WHITE was absent due to illness. City Clerk Diane Whitbey and City Attorney, C. Jason Carter were also present.

The invocation was given by Mayor Hays, followed by the pledge of allegiance to the flag which was led by Alderwoman Ross.

Mayor Hays asked Ms. Whitbey to call the roll of the applicants for the position of Alderman in Ward 3 (seat vacated by Cary Gaines). The roll was then called and the following persons answered to their names: JAMES ARD, STEVE BAXTER, RON HARRIS, JIMMY HENSON, DARRELL MONTGOMERY, PATRICK MULLIGAN, JOHN PARKER, JAMES PHILLIPS, TONY VESTAL, and BILL YEATES. Ms. Whitbey then declared all present.

Mr. AARON SARLO withdrew his application by email. Ms. Amber Hodge, City Clerk's Office called and made verbal contact with Mr. Sarlo and confirmed his withdrawal from consideration. On the motion of Alderman Witcher and seconded by Alderwoman Ross, and by consent of all members present, Mr. Sarlo's name was removed from consideration.

Mayor Hays advised the purpose of this meeting was to interview candidates for the vacant Alderman position in Ward 3. Mayor Hays said the applicants would draw numbers to determine the position in which they would speak to the council. The names were called in reverse alphabetical order. City Attorney Carter assisted with the drawing of numbers and announced the position of each applicant:

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| 1. Ron Harris | 6. John Parker |
| 2. Patrick Mulligan | 7. Tony Vestal |
| 3. Darrell Montgomery | 8. James Phillips |
| 4. Bill Yeates | 9. Steve Baxter |
| 5. James Ard | 10. Jimmy Henson |

Legislation appointing the council member (Ward 3) will be on the agenda for the next City Council meeting, scheduled for Monday, January 25, 2010. The public is encouraged to contact council members or Mayor Hays regarding the candidate they would like to see appointed. Written communications will also be accepted and included on the council agenda. Once the legislation is called, the council will then go into Executive Session to consider the ten applicants. A name will be proposed and a formal vote will be taken. After (he) is appointed, a formal swearing in ceremony will be scheduled at the Alderman-elect's convenience. During the

next 11 days, residents are encouraged to contact council members and/or file communications expressing support of a particular candidate. Alderwoman Ross said each person should limit their opening remarks to three minutes. The applicants were then escorted from the council chambers by Mr. Joe Smith. The mayor and council members discussed questions to be asked to each person. Council members would have the opportunity to ask individual questions as well. Each applicant was then interviewed in the order listed above.

Following the interviews, Mayor Hays thanked all of the applicants for their time and interest in representing North Little Rock.

There being no further business to come before the Council, and on the motion of Alderman Hight and seconded by Alderwoman Ross, and by consent of all members present, the meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m. (6/0), until the next regularly scheduled meeting to be held on Monday, January 25, 2010, at seven o'clock p.m. in the City Council Chambers in City Hall, located at 300 Main Street, North Little Rock, Arkansas.

APPROVED: MAYOR PATRICK HENRY HAYS
ATTEST: DIANE WHITBEY, CITY CLERK