



## MINUTES OF AN OFFICIAL MEETING:

Special Meeting: Legislative & Licensing Committee  
Date and Time: Tuesday, May 26, 2020 @ 6:00 pm  
Location: Council Chambers at City Hall, 2000 N Calhoun Road, Brookfield WI

Members Present: Alderman Gary Mahkorn\*, Alderman Brad Blumer, Alderman Bill Carnell, Alderman Mark Nelson, Alderman Rick Owen (\*Denotes Chair)

Others Present: Attorney Jenna Merten, City Clerk Kelly Michaels, Human Resources Director James Zwerlein, Mayor Steven V. Ponto, Alderman Jenna Meza, Alderman Scott Berg

### 1. Roll Call

Alderman Mahkorn noted a quorum present and called the Legislative & Licensing Committee meeting to order at 6:00 pm. Introductions were made to the eight candidates in attendance.

Alderman Mahkorn noted the meeting was being held in open session as required, however he asked candidates to consider leaving the room until their own interview, in a sense of fairness to all. He explained that obviously the last interviewee has a distinct advantage in that they will be listening to all of the great answers given by the other candidates interviewed before their turn. He noted it is completely voluntary, however it would be the right thing for them to voluntarily do so that it is a fair process for everyone. All candidates agreed and exited the Council Chambers except the first candidate.

### 2. Interview of Candidates for Recommendation of Appointment to Vacant District 3 Aldermanic Position for remaining term effective June 2, 2020 to April 19, 2022:

The following eight candidates who submitted letters of interest/resumes were interviewed in a randomly drawn order as follows:

Jess Haines, 2600 El Rancho Drive

Ron Balzer, 16425 Luella Drive

Tom Szews, 2970 San Juan Trail

Michael Jurken, 3415 Sunnyview Lane

David Marcello, 18140 Hoffman Avenue #B

Jason Anderson, 16160 Luella Drive

Cynthia J. Rigsby, 14290 Chesterwood Drive

Gregory R. Keller, 15600 Luella Drive.

Candidates gave a brief introductory statement and then answered the following questions posed by committee members, during their 15 minute interview:

- A. Why are you interested in serving on the Brookfield Common Council?
  - a. Are there reasons you did or did not consider running in the recent Spring election?
- B. What qualifications do you have that you feel would make you an effective Council Member?
- C. Describe your involvement in the Community.
- D. Do you anticipate any conflicts of interest that could arise if you are appointed to the Common Council, and, if so, how would you intend to handle them?
  - a. Can you tell me the boundaries of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Aldermanic District?
  - b. In your opinion, what do you believe is Brookfield's most pressing issue?
- E. As a summary of your interview, tell us why you think you are the best candidate?

### **3. Discussion and Selection of Candidate to recommend to the Common Council for Appointment to fill the vacancy in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Aldermanic District**

Committee members discussed how painfully difficult the decision would be as all eight candidates gave thoughtful answers and were high quality candidates. Members discussed methods for coming to a decision as some members utilized the numerical ranking process provided while others took notes without assessing any points. After brief discussion of various methods proposed, it was decided that each member would list their top three candidates with number 1 being their first choice, on a sheet of paper that the Clerk would then tally. It was noted this would not be a secret ballot.

Clerk Michaels tallied the sheets from all members and stated the choice was obvious as four of the five committee members had chosen the same candidate as their top choice and the fifth member had chosen that same candidate as their second choice. Alderman Mahkorn reviewed the tally and agreed it was obvious. He asked that Attorney Merten also review the tally and if in agreement, to announce the results.

Attorney Merten reviewed the tally and announced that Michael Jurken had received the top ranking from four of the five committee members. The fifth committee member had ranked candidate Tom Szews, as their first choice. Alderman Blumer indicated he was the fifth member and explained that he had utilized the numerical points method which resulted in

Tom Szews and Michael Jurken both receiving the exact same number, tied. He noted he would support Michael Jurken as his number one due to the tie, thus making the selection unanimous.

***Motion by Alderman Nelson, second by Alderman Owen to recommend Michael Jurken, be appointed to the District 3 Aldermanic position for a term effective June 2, 2020, expiring April 19, 2022. Motion carried 5-0.***

#### **4. Adjournment**

Alderman Mahkorn thanked all of the candidates for their thoughtful answers and their willingness to serve. He noted there are many ways to get involved in our community. He stated there are several committees at the City in which there are resident members. He encouraged candidates to remain engaged by reaching out to Mayor Ponto to offer their qualifications to serve in other capacities such as committees.

***Motion by Alderman Blumer, second by Alderman Owen to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried 5-0. Meeting adjourned at 9:19 pm.***

Respectfully Submitted:



Kelly Michaels, MMC, WCPC  
Brookfield City Clerk