

SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
Mayoral Interviews and Appointment  
November 7, 2013

The Special Council Meeting of the City of Audubon Park, was held on Thursday, November 7, 2013 at 7:30 P.M. at City Hall, 3340 Robin Road, with the following present: Council Members: Joanne Bader, Nancy Zinner, Vince Osbourn, Mark Stevens, Cary Campbell and William Klump. Also present were Acting Chief of Police James Curtis and City Clerk Janette Mercer.

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by the Presiding Officer *pro tem* of the Council, Joanne Bader at 7:30 P.M., followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Joanne Bader began by explaining the purpose of the meeting: this is a special meeting that was called by the Council to interview candidates for the mayoral vacancy. After hearing from the four candidates, the Council will deliberate, appoint a candidate, and then vote on that appointment.

Joanne Bader asked for a point of order. She noted that a motion needed to be made to confirm that she has the authority as the Presiding Officer of the Council to conduct the meeting. Cary Campbell made the motion, Vince Osbourn seconded, and the motion passed unanimously. (Following this vote, Cary Campbell left the council desk to join the group of candidates vying for the mayoral vacancy.)

The Council sent a letter notifying all residents of the mayoral vacancy. The vacancy must be filled within thirty days from October 21, 2013, which was the effective date the previous mayor resigned. The Council has the ability under KRS. 83(A).040 to interview, appoint, and vote on a replacement; if the Council does not appoint a replacement this time period, this responsibility falls to the Governor.

Joanne Bader noted that four candidates had applied for the job and met the required qualifications. She covered the format of the interview process. There are a series of questions that will be asked of each candidate. Following replies, the current council (minus Mr. Campbell) will deliberate privately. A copy of the questions are included in the minutes. She explained to the residents that there would not be a public comment session because tonight was not a regularly scheduled council meeting.

The following is the list of candidates and a brief synopsis of their qualifications:

**John Wientjes, 3100 Teal Ave:** Mr. Wientjes has been a resident of Audubon Park for 25 years. Presently he is working with a local union out of Chicago that is in trusteeship. He noted that his background was in labor negotiations and arbitration. He worked forty-six years with the Teamsters and never had a stoppage. He believes he works well with both sides: employer and employees. The reason Mr. Wientjes is running for the office of the mayor is to restore the luster back to the City of Audubon Park. His strengths are that he is good with budgets, and he has acquired this talent by negotiating contracts over the past fifty-eight years, handling eight hundred labor agreements without a work stoppage.

Dorn Crawford, 932 Audubon Parkway: Mr. Crawford resides in the house that his grandparents built. He purchased the home twenty years ago. He is a diplomat, specializing in arms control, which he does primarily by telecommuting. Mr. Crawford has twenty-two years of military service. He noted that he is the third of five generations to live in Audubon Park. He is a Durrett High School graduate, with further education received at West Point, Stanford University, Columbia University and finally the US Army Command and General Staff College. He wants to offer his assistance to help get Audubon Park out of these difficult times in whatever role the Council see fit. Mr. Crawford noted that his strengths are absolute candor, dedication to openness, transparency and collaboration in the operation of this government.

Clinton Channell, 1210 Falcon Drive: Mr. Channell moved to Audubon Park two and a half years ago. He has a degree in Aerospace Engineering from Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University. Mr. Channell is currently employed by Lockett and Farley Architects and Engineers, managing a staff of over ten people. He and his staff manage multi-million dollar projects from the beginning to the end, staying in budget and meeting time constraints. The vision Mr. Channell has for Audubon Park is that younger families will buy a home in the Park, stay, grow, and someday retire here. He does not see that draw now; currently the only planned events for young families are the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade and the Christmas Party. Mr. Channell would like to study, plan and develop a City Square, maybe in one of the designated park areas. He believes his strengths are to have a vision and the ability to make that vision a reality.

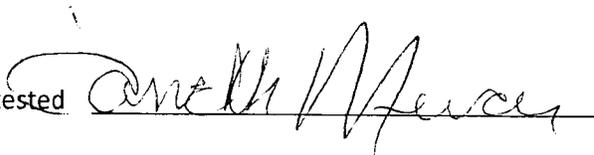
Cary Campbell, 1201 Valley Drive: Mr. Campbell has been a resident of Audubon Park for seven years and is currently a member on the City Council. He practices law which he started four years ago. Mr. Campbell was previously employed by US Bank and Merrill Lynch. He stated that he really didn't want the mayor position but felt compelled to throw his hat into the ring because he made a promise to the residents when he was campaigning for City Council that he would give everything and, if he did not throw his hat in, he would not honor that promise. He noted that his strengths are dedication, perseverance, and he will not accept anything but perfection.

Joanne Bader asked each of the candidates a series of questions and each candidate was given time to respond as thoroughly yet concisely as possible. After the series of questions and answers, the Council adjourned to another room to deliberate on the candidates, and to vote to appoint a new mayor. After thirty minutes, the Council came back into the room, and Joanne Bader asked for a motion to appoint a candidate for the position of Mayor.

William Klump made a motion to appoint Dorn Crawford to be the next mayor of the City of Audubon Park, which was seconded by Vince Osbourn, and the motion passed with 5 in favor and one not voting (Cary Campbell was one of the mayoral candidate).

Joanne Bader adjourned the meeting at 9:30 PM.

Attested



Approval

