

January 14, 2009

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Brunz called the meeting to order at 5:31 p.m., with the Pledge of Allegiance. Council members present: Bensen, Doyle, Edmundson, Loving, Montgomery and Valentine. Staff present: Aarstad, M. Anderson, Dite, Fleek, Sheahan, Stafford, VanWieringen, Acero, O'Hara and Wischhusen.

A motion was made by **Councilors Bensen/Montgomery** to excuse **Councilor Aslett** from tonight's meeting. All agreed. Motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

There was no unfinished business.

NEW BUSINESS:

REQUEST FOR CONFIRMATION OF CITY ADMINISTRATOR POSITION APPOINTMENT.

City Administrator Aarstad noted that there was an extensive interview process for six of the 24 applicants. Late last week **Mayor Brunz** had luncheon meetings with each of the top two candidates to finalize his choice for the position. **Mayor Brunz** has selected Mr. Peter Mayer as his appointment to the position of City Administrator. He stated that Mr. Mayer currently serves as Parks & Recreation Director and Assistant City Manager for the City of Mercer Island.

Councilor Loving asked if there had been an "in-house posting" for this position prior to the public posting announcement. **City Administrator Aarstad** indicated that there was not an in-house posting prior to the public posting.

Councilor Edmundson noted that the top two candidates were very close and asked **Mayor Brunz** what the deciding factor was that caused him to select Mr. Mayer. **Mayor Brunz** stated that Mr. Mayer has many new ideas for the City and felt it would be good for the City to have someone from the outside to move the City forward. **Councilor Doyle** asked what the shortfalls were of the other candidate. **Mayor Brunz** indicated he had a less outgoing personality. He stated that the candidates were very close and it was a very difficult decision. **Councilor Edmundson** asked if there was any reluctance by Mr. Mayer to move closer to Burlington and if so, might it be related to passing the trial period prior to moving. **City Administrator Aarstad** indicated Mr. Mayer has just recently purchased a home and that may be what keeps him from moving to the Burlington area right away. **Councilor Doyle** asked at what salary level Mr. Mayer would start. **Mayor Brunz** indicated he would start at the lowest step of the salary range. **Councilor Valentine** asked how soon Mr. Mayer would be able to start work. **City Administrator Aarstad** indicated it would probably be three to four weeks. **Mayor Brunz** noted this was the reason he called a meeting this evening rather than waiting until the next council meeting. He felt it was important to get Mr. Mayer on board soon so there would be overlap with **City Administrator Aarstad** prior to his retirement March 31, 2009. A motion was made by **Councilors Valentine/Montgomery** to confirm the appointment of Mr. Peter Mayer to the position of City Administrator for the City of Burlington. Voting in favor were **Councilor Valentine** and **Councilor Montgomery**. Voting against was **Councilor Bensen, Councilor Loving, Councilor Doyle** and **Councilor Edmundson**. The motion failed.

City Administrator Aarstad asked **Mayor Brunz** if he wanted to discuss the second candidate at this time. **Mayor Brunz** indicated that he would rather review the candidate list and perhaps talk with them prior to further discussion. He will bring back the topic at the next Council meeting.

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Councilor Valentine stated she would not be in attendance at the January 22, 2009 Council meeting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

There was not an Executive Session.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 5:45 p.m. by **Mayor Brunz**.

Greg Thramer
Finance Director / City Clerk

Edward J. Brunz
Mayor