

Monday - December 13, 1993 - 4:00 p.m.

Special Meeting

Present: Mayor Russell Martin, Presiding; Vice-Mayor Chris Peterson; Councilwoman Barbara Field, Councilman Gary McClure, Councilwoman Leni Sitnick, Councilman Joseph Carr Swicegood and Councilman Herbert J. Watts; City Attorney William F. Slawter; City Manager Douglas O. Bean; and Associate City Manager/City Clerk William F. Wolcott Jr.

Absent: None

Mayor Martin called the meeting to order stating that the sole purpose of the meeting was to discuss the selection of an Interim City Manager. He had received information from the North Carolina League of Municipalities relative to this subject and would share the information with the Council. He felt the Council needed to act quickly and not further divide the community. He stated that the Council will keep everyone informed and hopefully, with the input of citizens and Council, will come up with some good leads.

Councilman Swicegood said that he felt it was very important to move as quickly as possible and to get a qualified person for Interim City Manager for the next six months.

Councilman McClure passed out information obtained from the Institute of Government outlining steps to follow in the hiring of a city manager.

Councilwoman Sitnick said that, according to the City's Charter, Council needed to designate a qualified person to exercise the powers and perform the duties of the manager. She would look for various qualifications, such as a degree in administration or business management. She felt the Council might want to review resumes, examine work experience records, obtain references, and go through an extensive interview process.

Councilman Watts was concerned with getting an interim city manager as quickly as possible and then go from there.

Upon inquiry of Councilwoman Sitnick, City Attorney Slawter said that Council can receive public comment at this time if they choose.

Councilman Swicegood said that since this meeting was only for the purpose of discussing the hiring an Interim City Manager for the next six months, public comment should be delayed.

Vice-Mayor Peterson said that he had some names to share with the Council and since City Attorney Slawter advised the Council not to mention names specifically in open session, he moved to go into executive session. This motion was seconded by Councilwoman Sitnick and carried unanimously.

After coming out of executive session, the Mayor announced that the City Council would be contacting seven individuals for the purpose of scheduling interviews for the position of Interim City Manager.

Councilwoman Field then moved to recess the special meeting until 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, December 15, 1993, to begin the interviews for Interim City Manager. This motion was seconded by Councilman Swicegood and carried unanimously.

Mayor Martin recessed the meeting at 5:15 p.m.

CITY CLERK MAYOR
