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The Special Meeting of the City Council was held over the Zoom meeting platform and live streamed at FATV Studios, Fitchburg, on February 16, 2021. The meeting was called to order by President Anthony Zarrella at 8:28 P.M. The Clerk recorded the names of the Councillors who had logged in and ten Councillors were present.

The agenda consisted of the following:



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January 11, 2021

WARRANT FOR A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL

Tuesday, February 16, 2021

Immediately following the regular City Council Meeting
which is scheduled to begin at 7:00 PM.

This meeting will take place

Via the Zoom Meeting Platform

Register in advance for the Public Comment/Hearing portion of the Agenda by going to:
https://us02web.zoom.us/join/register/WN_79mpKW5G5VutKyp3XC1odQ

The agenda will consist of:

1. Name a replacement to fill the vacancy in the office of Fitchburg City Councilor at Large
due to the resignation of newly elected State Representative Michael Kushmerek.

The following will be the order of business for this meeting:

- 1. Call to Order
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Roll Call Attendance
4. Read Warrant for Special Meeting
5. Clerk reads names of Candidates
6. Clerk conducts lottery for order of presentations by candidates
7. Presentations by candidates (3 minutes each)
8. Roll call votes to elect Councilor at Large
9. Clerk announces elected Councilor at Large
10. Swearing in of new Councilor at Large
11. Adjourn

Per Order:
Anthony M. Zarrella, City Council President

By: [Signature]
Mary de Alderete
City Clerk

President Zarrella read the Warrant into the record, then referenced the Rules for the Meeting, and noted that the vote referenced therein would be the confirmation of the elected candidate, which would take place via ranked choice ballot. There was no objection to this.

The Clerk read the names of the Candidates, and then conducted the lottery of order of presentation via random order generator. Candidates were given three (3) minutes to make a presentation to the Council. The order of presentations was as follows:

1. Amanda E. Luft
2. Furqan Q. Mehmud
3. Mark M. Ambrose
4. Derrick J. Cruz
5. Michael A. Crochetiere
6. Muna V. Kangsen
7. Kevin D. Roy
8. Zachary Bos
9. Thomas Hughes

Upon completion of the presentations, President Zarrella thanked all candidates and called the vote. Council members forwarded their ballots to the Clerk for tabulation.

When the voting was completed, the Clerk showed the results of the first round, noting that Mr. Hughes was chosen by majority vote of 8 (Couture, DiNatale, Fleming, Green, Schultz, Walsh, Van Hazinga, Zarrella) while Mr. Roy (Beauchemin) and Mr. Mehmud (Squailia) each received 1 vote.

Mr. Hughes was officially confirmed by unanimous roll call vote 10/0 and congratulated by the entire Council.

The Clerk administered the Oath of Office to Mr. Hughes.

Councilor Zarrella asked for a roll call vote to adjourn the meeting in order to give newly elected Councilor at Large Hughes the opportunity to participate. Adjournment by unanimous roll call vote 11/0 at 9:29 P.M.



Mary de Alderete, City Clerk