



MINUTES

CITY OF SEASIDE
CITY COUNCIL

SPECIAL MEETING
COUNCIL CHAMBER
Thursday, January 10, 2019
5:30 PM

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Oglesby called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM.

2. **ROLL CALL – ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM**

PRESENT: Campbell, Pacheco, Wizard, Oglesby

ABSENT: None

3. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Mayor Oglesby invited comments from the public.

- Peter Keiser spoke to the Water Management District meetings regarding the implementation of Measure J and discouraged the use of eminent domain and requested if the costs are not reasonable please encourage it be taken to the voters.

4. **BUSINESS ITEMS**

A. PRESENTATIONS FROM APPLICANTS TO FILL VACANT CITY COUNCIL MEMBER POSITION

Mayor Oglesby outlined the order of operations for the meeting explaining all applicants will be allowed three minutes each to present and that Council Members can ask clarifying questions after an applicant's presentation. He laid the ground rules for the Council, the applicants and the public. After the presentations, the public will have the ability to make their comments.

Twelve of thirteen applicants presented to the City Council for the allowed three minutes. Ayman Adeeb, Felix Bachofner, Diana Ingrsoll, Alissa Kispersky, Thomas Mancini, Regina Mason, Alex Miller, Nathan Morrison, Lanny Olis, Lacey Raak, Gertrude Smith and Roelof Wijbrandus.

B. PUBLIC COMMENT ON APPLICANT PRESENTATIONS

Mayor Oglesby invited comments from the public on the applicant presentations.

- Mel Mason spoke in support of his wife Regina Mason and spoke to the number of votes that she retained in the November election. He noted her compassion and reputation for service to the Seaside Community.
- Jane spoke in support of Mr. Ayman Adeeb and why he was a good asset of the City

and spoke to his determination, hard work and his ability to see and bring out the strengths of others.

- Sam Rashkin spoke to his view of the largest issues before the City including FORA and housing and encouraged selecting a candidate that can address and move forward on these important topics.
- Bill Weigle spoke in support of Roelof Wljbbrandus as one of the co-founding members of Sustainable Seaside. Thinks he is a well read, well informed, communicator with problem solving experiences.
- Sue Hawthorne she spoke to the wealth of candidates and encouraged considering every candidate carefully due to the depth and breadth of politics in the city and county.
- Ana Mahia spoke in support of Ms. Mason working with her through the campaign and spoke to the mantras that she has taught her. Please pick an applicant that has Seaside's interest first.
- Elaine Gareman spoke in support of Ms. Mason as she did go through the election process.
- Dominique Jones spoke to the need to choose someone that will represent both staff as well as the community and elected, speaking from experience being both staff and commission member.
- Debra Grams-Bacher spoke as an elected official for the Monterey Peninsula Board of Education and spoke in support of Ms. Mason due to her advocacy for education and youth.
- Jessie Perez spoke in support of Ms. Regina Mason and to her candidacy during the election.
- Alecia Paris spoke in support of Alissa Kisperskey speaking to her hard work mantra, professional knowledge as an engineers, her strong interest in systems and her enthusiasm for Seaside, as well as encouraging selection of a woman.
- Tara Lynn Reese spoke in support of Ms. Kisperskey's energy and passion for Seaside. Her spoke in support of her ideas of land and water use, housing affordability and access to open space.
- A resident advocated for Mr. Lanny Olis because of his involvement, historic knowledge, committee membership and that he leads by example.
- Guada Peres spoke in support of Ms. Mason and to her experience assisting her with the campaign. People understood the priority of listening regardless of political affiliation. She spoke to her being the third highest vote receiver in the election.
- A community member spoke in support of Ms. Kisperskey to her attendance at all Council meetings, park clean ups and community events meetings and with no motivation other than to be genuinely part of the Community. The measure of an individual is what people do when no one is looking.
- A resident spoke in support of Mr. Nathan Morrison citing though he is young he is driven and teachable and motivated to learn. He cares about the City and his future. He will continue to contribute regardless of selection.
- Harold Lusk Jr. spoke in support of Seaside, not one applicant. Please select someone who did not talk about themselves, but who spoke about how they can help Seaside. The person for the seat feels that their qualities will be impactful to the city. Seaside's agenda must be first as this City needs to progress, as we were behind the rest. The People and the heart of the city have not changed.
- Shanda Labouf she spoke in support of taking advantage of the knowledge of all the applicants. Please focus on what each candidate's vision is.

- Miriam Smith spoke in support of Gertrude Smith and spoke to her surprise of the knowledge and experience of all candidates. Her daughter was the advocate to keep her in Seaside due to her love of the City and that would serve Seaside well.
- Peter Keiser requested that the Council consider Diana Ingersoll for the position due to her temperament, common sense, pro-business, pro-rule of law, and personal fire characteristics to do the job. She is a historic staff member, a woman of faith with vision for Seaside and will provide balance and representation to minorities in Seaside.
- Kat Broz encouraged the Council to check their bias as you make this decision. Gender, race, sexism, age, etc. Please pick the best candidate.
- Susan spoke in support of Regina Mason and spoke to the campaign process citing her compassion, dedication to putting others first and to her diversity of opinion and understanding.
- Kenneth Murray spoke in support of Ms. Regina Mason but indicated that everyone has an opportunity to be successful.
- Margaret Cedra Binetty spoke in support of selecting a female candidate. She supported Ms. Mason citing that she received the third highest number of votes in the election.
- Natalia Molina who serves on the Seaside Homeless Commission spoke to the fact that there is only one vacancy here and those that may not be selected should consider bring Seaside's voice to a Monterey County board or commission. She also spoke to the fact that non-profit organizations need diversity on their boards and encouraged consideration for candidates not selected for this position.

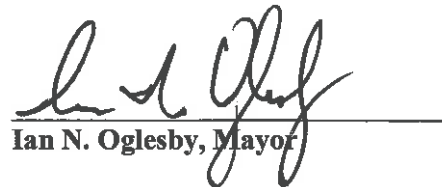
Mayor Oglesby thanked all applicants and thanked the public for participating. He reiterated that it is a three-step process, determination of the applicant selection process, hearing the applicants, and then voting on January 17th. On January 17th the item will be opened inviting comments from the public for one minute, then the Council will commence voting. He encouraged that the public can continue to submit letters of support to the Council until then.

5. ADJOURNMENT

Having no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,


Lesley Milton-Rerig, City Clerk


Ian N. Oglesby, Mayor