

1. **A. CALL TO ORDER** – Mayor Bublak called the meeting to order at 8:32 p.m.  
PRESENT: Councilmembers Gil Esquer, Nicole Larson, Andrew Nosrati, and Mayor Amy Bublak.  
ABSENT: None

**B. SALUTE TO THE FLAG**

2. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:** None

3. **DECLARATION OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST AND DISQUALIFICATIONS:** None

4. **SCHEDULED MATTERS:**

- A. The City Council will conduct interviews with applicants for the Council seat vacancy for District 4 and provide direction to staff regarding the selection and appointment process for filling the vacancy.

Interim City Attorney Jose M. Sanchez announced he would be filling in for City Manager Robert C. Lawton due to him being away at a training, provided background information regarding the Council seat vacancy and the application process, an overview of today's interview process, and noted that upon conclusion of the interviews the City Council would discuss and provide direction of the next steps of this process.

Mayor Bublak provided an overview of the interview process, welcomed applicants, and provided information regarding the public participation process.

The City Council interviewed the following applicants:

Myrna Wachs

*Mayor Bublak recessed the Special City Council meeting at 9:05 a.m.  
Mayor Bublak reconvened the Special City Council meeting at 9:15 a.m.*

Fredrick Isaac

*Mayor Bublak recessed the Special City Council meeting at 9:37 a.m.  
Mayor Bublak reconvened the Special City Council meeting at 9:49 a.m.*

Samuel Sharpe

*Mayor Bublak recessed the Special City Council meeting at 10:19 a.m.  
Mayor Bublak reconvened the Special City Council meeting at 10:31 a.m.*

Donald Babadalir

*Mayor Bublak recessed the Special City Council meeting at 11:04 a.m.*  
*Mayor Bublak reconvened the Special City Council meeting at 11:47 a.m. and noted a scheduling change due to one of the applicants not continuing with (withdrawing from) the process.*

Rebecca Hackler-Arellano

*Mayor Bublak recessed the Special City Council meeting at 12:19 p.m.*  
*Mayor Bublak reconvened the Special City Council meeting at 12:23 p.m.*

Pamela Franco

The interview process concluded and Mayor Bublak asked Council Members how they would like to proceed at the next meeting (scheduled for Friday, February 1, 2019 at 10:00 a.m.).

Interim City Attorney Jose M. Sanchez provided information regarding the type of direction needed from the Council in order for staff to prepare for the upcoming meeting on Friday.

Council and staff discussion included clarification whether discussions about the applicants could be held in closed session or open session, options for potential selection/ranking procedures, examples of how previous Councils have addressed vacancy/selection processes, legality regarding polling/ranking procedures, and provided direction to staff regarding the selection and appointment process.

**Action:** Motion by Councilmember Esquer, seconded by Councilmember Larson, Directing staff to develop a ranking system card for each Council Member to submit their top three applicants, with number one applicants obtaining three points – number two applicants obtaining two points – and number three applicants obtaining one point, the cards will be submitted to staff for calculation, calculation and ranking will be read back, and Council will have the opportunity to discuss before taking a motion to select the applicant to fill the Council vacancy. Motion carried 4/0 by the following vote:

Councilmember Nosrati	Councilmember Larson	Councilmember Esquer	Mayor Bublak
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

Further Council and staff discussion included clarification regarding when the ranking cards would be provided and the public participation process at Friday's meeting.

**5. ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion by Councilmember Esquer, seconded by Councilmember Nosrati, to adjourn the special meeting at 1:02 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED

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Jennifer Land  
City Clerk