

MINUTES – SPECIAL SESSION**PORTSMOUTH CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

Tuesday July 30, 2019 - 6:00 p.m.

The City Council of the City of Portsmouth, Ohio met in special session on Tuesday July 30, 2019 at 6:00 p.m., in Council Chambers of the Municipal Building.

Acting Mayor Kevin E. Johnson called the meeting to order. A moment of silent prayer was observed followed by The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Roll Call showed the following members to be present:

Sean Dunne	1 st Ward
Vacant	2 nd Ward
Kevin E. Johnson	3 rd Ward
Jerrold Albrecht	4 th Ward
Gene Meadows	5 th Ward
Thomas Lowe	6 th Ward

Also present were City Manager Sam Sutherland, Solicitor John Haas and City Clerk, Diana Ratliff.

Clerk's Report

In accordance with Section 4 of the City's Charter, Acting Mayor Johnson requested a special meeting of Council for Tuesday July 30, 2019 for the following purposes:

Special Session has been called for the purpose of interviewing potential candidates for the 2nd Ward Position.

Notices were given or sent to each Council Member, the City Manager, Solicitor and Auditor and acknowledgements were received from all.

The City Clerk's report was received, filed and made part of the record, on a motion by Councilman Albrecht. The motion carried viva voce: **VOTE: 5 Ayes – 0 Nays.**

STATEMENT OR REMARKS FROM CITIZENS ON ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

There was no one present that wished to address Council pertaining to items on the agenda.

Councilman Albrecht moved to recess into Executive Session for the purposes of interviewing candidates for the 2nd Ward Councilmember.

The roll was called and the motion carried: **VOTE: 5 Ayes – 0 Nays, Council recessed into Executive Session at 6:08 p.m.**

**Executive
Session**

Councilman Meadows moved that Council reconvene from Executive Session.

The roll was called and the motion carried. **VOTE: Ayes 5 – Nays 0, Council reconvened with all still in attendance at 7:43 p.m.**

Acting Mayor Johnson opened nominations for the 2nd Ward Councilperson.

Councilman Albrecht nominated Thomas Bailey for 2nd Ward Councilman.

Councilman Meadows nominated Charlotte Gordon for 2nd Ward Councilman.

Acting Mayor Johnson closed the nominations as there were no other candidates.

The roll was called for Thomas Bailey: **VOTE: 1 Ayes (J. Albrecht) – 4 Nays**

The roll was called for Charlotte Gordon: **VOTE: 4 Ayes, - 1 Nay (J. Albrecht), Charlotte Gordon was appointed the new 2nd Ward Councilwoman.**

**2nd Ward
Council
position
appt.**

Solicitor Haas administered the Oath of Office to Councilwoman Gordon.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 7:59 p.m. on a motion by Councilman Lowe.

City Clerk

Acting Mayor