

TOPIC OF DISCUSSION: INTERVIEW APPLICANTS FOR CITY COUNCIL POSITION #5

Mayor David Futcher led the flag salute. The Special Meeting of the Kelso City Council was called to order by Mayor Futcher. Councilmembers in attendance were: Futcher, Roberson, Karnofski, Slater, Myers, and McDaniel.

The following applicants were interviewed for Council Position #5: Gary Archer, Benjamin Harrison, Gerald Malella, Bill Lehning, James Webb, and Larry Anderson.

It was determined Mr. Harrison is not eligible for the open Council position at this time. Although he has resided in Kelso for over two years, he just moved back to Kelso from Longview in January of this year. City Attorney Paul Brachvogel said according to the RCW, the residency has to be for a year immediately preceding an election.

Mayor Futcher explained the format for the interview process. Each of the remaining five candidates was asked to come to the podium to tell about himself. Mayor Futcher asked a series of questions to each candidate. Councilmembers were also invited to ask questions.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

The Council convened into Executive Session at 7:55 p.m. to discuss the qualifications of the remaining five candidates. At 8:10 p.m. the Council reconvened into Regular Session.

Mayor Futcher stated all the applicants are good candidates. He encouraged each person who is not selected to this position to participate at some level in city government. Mayor Futcher asked each Councilmember to indicate the candidate he prefers to see if there is a consensus. Councilmembers preferences were as follows:

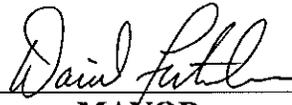
Councilmember Slater	James Webb
Councilmember Myers	Gerald Malella & James Webb
Councilmember McDaniel	Gerald Malella, James Webb, & Larry Anderson
Councilmember Roberson	Gerald Malella
Councilmember Karnofski	Larry Anderson
Mayor Futcher	James Webb

Upon motion by Councilmember Slater, seconded by Mayor Futcher, 'Nominate James Webb to fill the Council position.' A roll call vote was taken. Councilmembers Roberson, McDaniel, and Karnofski voted no. Councilmembers Slater, Myers, and Futcher voted yes. The motion was tied, and therefore, did not pass.

At 8:20 p.m. Mayor Futcher called a five minute recess. Mayor Futcher called the meeting back to order at 8:25 p.m. Council discussion followed. Upon motion by Councilmember Myers, seconded by Councilmember McDaniel, 'Nominate Gerald Malella for Council Position No. 5.' A roll call vote was taken. Councilmembers Karnofski, Myers, McDaniel, Roberson, and Futcher voted yes. Councilmember Slater voted no. Motion passed 5 to 1.

Mayor Futcher congratulated Gerald Malella on his new East Kelso Council Position.

There being no further business, Mayor Futcher adjourned the meeting at 8:30 p.m.



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