

City of Guyton, Georgia

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SPECIAL CALLED CITY COUNCIL MEETING - June 6, 2019

MINUTES

ITEM OF BUSINESS

ACTION REQUESTED OF COUNCIL

1. Call to Order

Mayor Lariscy, 10:00 AM

Councilman Goldwire, Councilman Lee, and City Attorney Smith were not in attendance; however, a quorum was present and the meeting was called to order at 10:07 AM.

2. Moment of Repose for Those Who Practice Some Other Faith

3. Invocation

Councilman Collins led the Invocation.

4. Pledge of Allegiance

Councilman Johnson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

5. Approval of Agenda

Consideration to approve the Agenda

Councilman Collins made a motion to approve the agenda, seconded by Councilman Johnson. Motion carried.

ALL PUBLIC COMMENTS WILL BE LIMITED TO AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

A. Consideration and appointment Mr. Richard Zapal as the Director of Public Safety


Mayor Lariscy stated that the hiring Committee interviewed and reviewed applicants for the position of Public Safety Director. He added that Mr. Zapal is a 30+ year veteran of the Savannah Police Department and was unanimously chosen by the hiring committee. Councilman Johnson stated that he has not had a chance to review the candidate and would like to have more time to gather intel on Mr. Zapal like he did before hiring the current City Manager. Councilman Johnson then made a motion to table this agenda

item until the next Council meeting. The motion died for lack of a second. Councilman Collins made a motion to approve the appointment of Mr. Zapal as the Director of Public Safety based on the hiring committee's recommendation. Councilman Johnson expressed his disagreement and Mayor Lariscy stated that the hiring committee did their due diligence. Councilman Johnson then stated he only had the information presented and nothing else. Mayor Lariscy seconded Councilman Collins' motion to appoint Mr. Zapal. Councilman Johnson then stated he wanted to speak to Councilman Lee, who served on the hiring committee to find out more information. Mayor Lariscy confirmed with City Manager Hofman that Councilman Lee was in agreement with the hiring committee that Mr. Zapal was their unanimous decision. Mayor Lariscy then called for the vote. During this vote, Councilman Johnson stated that he was going to excuse himself from the meeting. Councilman Collins and Mayor Lariscy voted in favor of the motion to appoint Mr. Zapal as the Director of Public Safety. Councilman Johnson stated again that he was excusing himself from the meeting and then walked out of the room. Mayor Lariscy stated that he would review this situation with City Attorney Smith, but as Councilman Johnson was present in the room at the time of the vote, he believed the vote to stand.

6. Adjournment

Due to a lack of quorum at this time, the meeting ended.





Jeff Lariscy, Mayor



Alison Bruton, City Clerk