

TOWN OF LONG BEACH  
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING  
MONDAY, JANUARY 25, 2021  
7:00 PM

Attending this Zoom Forum were President Bob Lemay, council members Mary Lou McFadden, John Kocher and John Wall; Town Attorney Willoughby, Clerk-Treasurer Bill deFuniak, and Marilyn Jones & Associates with Becky Lempa. The four council candidates that attended the interview forum on January 21<sup>st</sup> also attending are Dr. Stephanos Rizos, Mike Johnstone, Anita Remijas, and Zachary Neff. There were approximately 27 total viewers this evening.

After the pledge of allegiance Lemay announced the purpose of this meeting was to elect the replacement for Nick Meyer, outgoing councilman. For various reasons, the slate was reduced to four candidates. The replacement will be voted in by a majority ruling.

The floor was open for nominations. John Kocher commented the four qualified candidates and highly recommended and nominated Mike Johnston due to his "strong financial background". This was seconded by Mary Lou McFadden. The vote was 2 ayes, Kocher and McFadden; 2 abstentions, Wall and Lemay. John Wall nominated Zachary Neff with a second by Lemay. The vote was 2 ayes, Wall and Lemay; 2 abstentions, Kocher and McFadden.

Attorney Willoughby clarified the effects of the rules and intentions of the council. Lemay motions to eliminate the 2 candidates not chosen, Remijas and Rizos; Wall seconds the motion; 4 – 0 approval.

Lemay then asks the members to announce their individual choice of the two candidates and made that motion to do so; second by McFadden. He noted that to vote for one is a "nay" vote for the other. McFadden voted for Johnston; Kocher voted for Johnstone; Wall voted for Neff; and Lemay voted for Neff. Now a tie, 2 – 2. The tiebreaker vote is made by de Funiak, the Clerk-Treasurer. De Funiak stated his financial comfort level with Johnstone and voted for Johnston.

Lemay congratulated Mike Johnston as the 5<sup>th</sup> councilman effective immediately and his term will run through December 31, 2023.

McFadden motioned to adjourn the meeting; Kocher seconded and at 4 – 0 approval the meeting adjourned at 7:15 PM.

Respectively submitted,

Bill de Funiak  
Clerk-Treasurer  
Town of Long Beach