

**TOWN OF MANHATTAN  
Thursday, March 29, 2023  
Special Meeting  
MINUTES**

Council President Betsy Mancuso called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM in the Town Meeting Room. Council members present were Ryan Engbretson, Josh Powell, and Morgan Taylor. Also present were Town Attorney Jane Mersen, Fire Chief Mike Ulmen, Library Director Trudy Dundas, and Clerk/Treasurer Pam Humphrey. Over fifty-six members of the public were present. Eighteen members of the public were present by Zoom. (Zoom was disconnected at 7:10 because the meeting was bombed by pornography.)

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

*Alissa Farley, 205 S 5<sup>th</sup>:* She asked if there will be public comments on the agenda item. Written comments:

*Lexton Moy, 202 S 5<sup>th</sup>:* He thanked everyone for their effort and hard work. He talked about the roles of Council members and the Mayor.

**MAYOR CANDIDATE INTERVIEWS:**

Garrett Long: He introduced himself and stated why he would want to be Mayor. The Council asked him a series of questions.

Jaclyn Machado: She introduced herself and stated why she would want to be Mayor. The Council asked the same series of questions.

Traig Howells: He introduced himself and stated why he would want to be Mayor. The Council asked the same series of questions.

Tyler Zaichkin: He introduced himself and stated why he would want to be Mayor. The Council asked the same series of questions.

Craig Bergstedt: He introduced himself and stated why he would want to be Mayor. The Council asked the same series of questions.

Warren Wright: He introduced himself and stated why he would want to be Mayor. The Council asked the same series of questions.

Buck Buchanan: He introduced himself and stated why he would want to be Mayor. The Council asked the same series of questions.

Rocky Hamilton: He introduced himself and stated why he would want to be Mayor. The Council asked the same series of questions.

Toby Goodman: He withdrew his name from consideration.

Greg Schack: He withdrew his name from consideration.

Public Comments:

*James Short, 210 Spruce St:* He stated the Council should appoint someone that can lead, bring together and innovate solutions. He recommended Tyler Zaichkin.

*Kelsey, Rothing, Logan:* She recommended Traig Howells.

*Callie Hamilton, 505 Milwaukee:* She supports Rocky, but also recommended Tyler Zaichkin.

*Elaine Skinner-Hale, 203 N 5<sup>th</sup>:* She talked about the process and the responsibilities of the Council.

*Jennifer Carr, 200 Lund Ln:* She recommended Garrett Long or Traig Howells.

*Sami Goodman, 20 Culver Place #401:* She recommended Traig Howells.

*Tell Rothing, 220 WoodenShoe:* He recommended Traig Howells.

*Ryan Miller, 707 Madison Ave:* He talked about the need for housing. He recommended Buck Buchanan and Craig Bergstedt.

*Alyssa Farley, 205 S 5<sup>th</sup>:* She is encouraged by the people that have applied. She recommended Tyler Zaichkin.

*Toby Goodman, 20 Culver place #401:* He recommended Traig Howells and Jaclyn Machado.

Written comments:

*Teresa Deyton, 302 S 5<sup>th</sup>:* She recommended Buck Buchanan, Craig Bergstedt, Rocky Hamilton, Greg Schack, Tyler Zaichkin, and Garrett Long.

*Danny Isom, 302 S 5<sup>th</sup>:* He recommended Buck Buchanan, Craig Bergstedt, Rocky Hamilton, Greg Schack, Tyler Zaichkin, and Garrett Long.

*Connie Boucher, 218 S Broadway:* She recommended Buck Buchanan, Craig Bergstedt, Rocky Hamilton, Greg Schack, and Tyler Zaichkin.

*Tyrel Rothing, Logan:* He recommended Traig Howells.

*Kelsey Rothing, Logan:* She recommended Traig Howells.

*Drake and Rhonda Albertson, 204 Spruce St:* They recommended Traig Howells.

*Marvelyn Stubbs, 108 Cedar St:* She recommended Buchanan, Hamilton, Zaichkin, Bergstedt, and Schack.

*Amanda Broyles, 301 S 5<sup>th</sup> St:* She recommended Buchanan, Hamilton, Zaichkin, Bergstedt, and Schack.

*Carol Buchanan, 315 N 5<sup>th</sup> St:* She recommended Mr. Long, Mr. Zaichkin, Mr. Buchanan, Mr. Hamiltin, or Mr. Bergstedt.

*Eleanor Mest, 317 S Broadway:* She recommended the Council choose a Mayor that has already had experience in the Town of Manhattan Government.

*Martin Kimm, 6293 W Dry Creek Rd:* He recommended Jaclyn Machado or Traig Howells.

#### **APPOINT AND SWEAR IN INTERIM MAYOR:**

Motion- Powell; Second- Mancuso; Vote- For 3 (Powell, Taylor, Mancuso) and Against 1 (Engbretson): Motion passed to appoint Traig Howells to the position of Interim Mayor.

*Councilman Engbretson:* He thanked all the candidates for their interest. He feels that someone with experience would be best for the interim position.

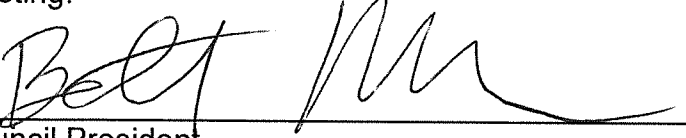
*Councilman Powell:* He stated that he was very impressed with the candidates and thanked them for caring. He thinks that the school issues are important and that relationship needs to be strengthened. He thinks Traig Howells would be a good choice.

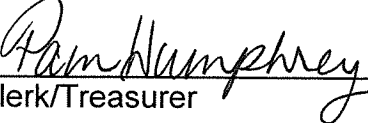
*Councilwoman Mancuso:* She stated that she is impressed with Traig Howells and appreciates all of the candidates.

*Councilman Taylor:* He stated that he is not concerned with appointing someone without experience because everyone will have a lot to learn.

**ADJOURN:**

Motion- Powell; Second- Taylor; Vote- Unanimous: Motion passed to adjourn the meeting.

  
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Council President

  
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Clerk/Treasurer