

SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 2019  
4:00 PM

A Special Council Meeting was held on Wednesday, September 4, 2019, at 4:00 PM within Council Chambers and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

The following were present: Councilmembers Clark, Read, Chouinard, Robson, Detwiler, and Grano, and Mayor Denner

Also present: Jane M. Blahut, Finance Director/Clerk, Dennis J. Levasseur, City Attorney, and Jeff Mueller, Facilitator of the Michigan Municipal League.

Mayor Denner stated the purpose of the Special Council Meeting is to interview the three candidates for the position of City Manager.

Jeff Mueller, facilitator of the MML, stated the Council has before them a list of interview questions that will be asked to each candidate by each Councilmember in succession. Each candidate will be asked the same questions.

Jeff Mueller presented the first candidate:

Interview No. 1  
Nick Sizeland

Jeff Mueller presented the second candidate:

Interview No. 2  
Shea Charles

Jeff Mueller presented the third candidate:

Interview No. 3  
Victor Cardenas

Mayor Denner thanked Jeff Mueller for all his efforts. He opened the floor for Council discussion.

There was a discussion on the strengths and weaknesses of each candidate and Mayor Denner inquired of the Council who they favor for City Manager.

Councilmember Clark stated he is in favor of Candidate No. 3.

Councilmember Read stated she is in favor of Candidate No. 3.

Councilmember Chouinard stated he is in favor of Candidate No. 1.

Councilmember Robson stated he is in favor of Candidate No. 1.

Councilmember Detwiler stated she is in favor of Candidate No. 1

Councilmember Grano stated he is in favor of Candidate No. 1.

Mayor Denner stated he favors Candidate No. 1.

Motion by Councilmember Grano, supported by Councilmember Chouinard, to direct the MML Facilitator to extend a conditional offer of employment to Candidate No. 1, Nick Sizeland, and to commence a background investigation.

AYES: Councilmembers Chouinard, Robson, Detwiler, and Grano, and Mayor Denner

NAYS: Councilmembers Clark and Read

Motion by Mayor Denner, supported by Councilmember Grano, Direct the Personnel Committee and the City Attorney to begin employment contract discussions with Nick Sizeland. In the event that all due diligence investigation steps are completed satisfactorily and agreeable terms and conditions of employment can be reached, a draft contract will then be submitted to Council for formal approval.

AYES: Councilmembers Clark, Chouinard, Robson, Detwiler, and Grano, and Mayor Denner

NAYS: Councilmember Read

With no further business, the meeting adjourned.