

**CITY OF LAKE STEVENS**  
**CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES**  
Tuesday, December 20, 2016  
Ebenezer Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall  
2111 – 117<sup>th</sup> Avenue NE, Lake Stevens

CALL TO ORDER: 5:00 p.m. by Mayor John Spencer

ELECTED OFFICIALS PRESENT: Councilmembers Kim Daughtry, Kurt Hilt, Todd Welch, Rauchel McDaniel, Kathy Holder, Marcus Tageant

ELECTED OFFICIALS ABSENT: None

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT: Interim City Administrator Mary Swenson, Human Resources Director Steve Edin, Police Chief John Dyer, Deputy City Clerk Kathy Pugh and City Attorney Grant Weed

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**Roll Call:** All present.

**Council Vacancy:**

Mayor Spencer said that the purpose of tonight's meeting is to interview seven candidates who submitted letters of interest for the vacant City Council Position No. 2. Each councilmember may ask one question of each candidate, and a list of possible questions received from Councilmembers was distributed. Following the interviews, Council will convene into Executive Session to discuss the qualifications of the candidates. The meeting will then be reconvened and nominations received, followed by a roll call vote. Once there is a majority in support of one candidate, a motion will be entertained to appoint that candidate to fill the vacant council position.

Interviews began at 5:05 p.m., with interviews of the following candidates: Gary Petershagen by telephone interview, Karim Ali, Jim Stambaugh, Sara Schafer, Brett Gailey, Aaron Boren and Katrina Ondracek.

**Executive Session:**

**MOTION:** Motion by Councilmember Hilt, second by Councilmember Daughtry, to move into Executive Session. On vote the motion carried (6-0-0-0).

At 7:05 p.m. Mayor Spencer announced a brief recess and that the Executive Session would begin at 7:08 p.m. and last for 15 minutes, with action to follow.

**Special Meeting Reconvened:**

The Special Meeting reconvened at 7:24 p.m.

Before beginning the nomination process Mayor Spencer complimented the candidates and said that they each bring a passion to the community and the process, and that it was rewarding

to the Council to hear each of the candidates speak this evening. He encouraged the candidates to participate in city processes, both elective and volunteer.

Mayor Spencer requested nominations by roll call vote, and said he would read the name of each candidate and request a showing of hands.

There were no nominations for Karim Ali.

There were no nominations for Jerry Stambaugh.

There were no nominations for Sara Schafer.

Councilmembers Hilt, Welch and Tageant nominated Brett Gailey.

Councilmembers McDaniel, Holder and Daughtry nominated Gary Petershagen.

**Executive Session:**

**MOTION:** Councilmember Hilt moved, Councilmember McDaniel seconded, to reconvene the Executive Session. On vote the motion carried (6-0-0-0).

Mayor Spencer announced the executive session beginning at 7:30 and lasting for 10 minutes, with action to follow. At 7:40 p.m. the executive session was extended 15 minutes.

**Special Meeting Reconvened:**

The Special Meeting was reconvened at 7:51 p.m.

Mayor Spencer called for nominations by roll call vote on the two remaining candidates.

Councilmembers Tageant, McDaniel, Hilt, Holder and Daughtry nominated Gary Petershagen.

Councilmember Welch nominated Brett Gailey.

Mayor Spencer invited a motion for a unanimous vote to appoint Gary Petershagen to the vacant Position No. 2 on the Lake Stevens City Council.

**MOTION:** Moved by Councilmember Daughtry, seconded by Councilmember Holder seconded, to appoint Gary Petershagen to the vacant Position No. 2 on the Lake Stevens City Council. On vote the motion carried (6-0-0-0).


Mayor Spencer placed a telephone call to Gary Petershagen to advise him of the outcome of the interview process and left a message for him to call back.

City Attorney Weed explained the process for administering the oath of office.

**Adjourn:**

Moved by Councilmember Tageant, seconded by Councilmember Hilt, to adjourn the meeting at 7:20 p.m. On vote the motion carried (6-0-0-0).

  
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John Spencer, Mayor

  
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Kathy Pugh, Deputy City Clerk