

**WORTHINGTON CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING, APRIL 17, 2024**

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. in City Hall Council Chambers by Mayor Rick Von Holdt with the following members present: Larry Janssen, Chris Kielblock, Chad Cummings, Amy Ernst.

Staff present: Steve Robinson, City Administrator; Hyunmyeong Goo, City Engineer; Angela Thiner, Assistant City Clerk; Mindy Eggers, City Clerk.

Others Present: Sam Martin, The Globe; Ryan McGaughey, Radio Works; Dennis Weber.

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-04-32 ADOPTED DECLARING VACANCY IN THE POSITION OF WARD 2 COUNCIL MEMBER CITY COUNCIL WORTHINGTON AND CALLING FOR SPECIAL ELECTION TO FILL THE UNEXPIRED TERM

Steve Robinson, City Administrator, said Council Member Alaina Kolpin resigned from City Council effective April 11, 2024 resulting in a vacancy for a Ward 2 seat. He explained in accordance with the City's Charter and Minnesota Statute 412.02, Council shall pass a resolution declaring a vacancy and calling for a special election since there are more than two years remaining in the vacated term and the resignation occurred prior to July 31, 2024, the first day to file affidavits of candidacy for the next regular City election.

Staff's recommendation is to have a special election to be scheduled to take place in conjunction with the November 5, 2024 general election. Since the special election will not occur for more than six months following the vacancy, Council shall appoint an interim Ward 2 Council member to serve until the November 5 general and special election is canvassed by Nobles County. The winner of the special election shall be sworn in following the canvassing of the November 5 election and serve until the term expires on January 2, 2027.

Council may appoint any qualified person to the interim Ward 2 Council position to serve in that capacity until the winner of the Special Election is sworn in following canvassing of the November 5, 2024 special election. The appointment of the interim council member shall be by simple majority. In the case of a tie vote among the Council, the Mayor shall make the appointment in writing and file it with the City Clerk.

To be eligible for consideration of this appointment, a candidate must be eligible to vote in Minnesota, be at least 21 years of age, and be a resident of Ward 2 for the past 30 days.

The motion was made by Council Member Cummings, seconded by Council Member Kielblock and unanimously carried to adopt the following resolution:

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-04-32

A RESOLUTION DECLARING VACANCY IN THE POSITION OF WARD 2 COUNCIL MEMBER CITY COUNCIL WORTHINGTON AND CALLING FOR SPECIAL ELECTION TO FILL THE UNEXPIRED TERM

(Refer to Resolution File for complete copy of Resolution)

WORTHINGTON CITY COUNCIL WARD 2 INTERIM VACANCY APPOINTMENT FILLED

Mr. Robinson said the City Council shall take action to appoint an interim representative for Ward 2 pursuant to Minnesota Statute 412.02, Subd. 2a and Worthington City Charter Section 2.07. The appointee will serve until the November 5, 2024 general and special election is canvassed by Nobles County.

Discussion was held by City Council and the following names were brought forward to be considered for the appointment they are as follows:

Dennis Weber
Kevin Flynn
Michelle Ebbers
Chris Heinrichs
Mike Kuhle

Ballots were handed out and Council Members were asked to list their top two choices. After tabulation the results were:

Dennis Weber - 4
Kevin Flynn - 3
Chris Heinrichs - 1

Members were then asked to list their first choice from the top two. After tabulation the results were:

Dennis Weber - 3
Kevin Flynn - 1

The motion was made by Council Member Cummings, seconded by Council Member Ernst and unanimously carried to appoint Dennis Weber to fill the interim Ward 2 Council Member position until the November 5, 2024 Special Election.

ADJOURNMENT

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The motion was made by Council Member Cummings, seconded by Council Member Ernst and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 5:13 p.m.

Mindy L. Eggers, MCMC
City Clerk