

**City of Reading City Council
Special Meeting
April 4, 2020**

Council President Waltman called the special meeting to order and announced that the purpose of this meeting is to appoint the new District 1 representative.

ATTENDANCE

Council President Waltman
Councilor Goodman-Hinnershitz, District 2
Councilor Reed, District 5
Councilor Cepeda-Freytiz, District 6
Council Solicitor M. Gombar
City Clerk L. Kelleher
City Auditor M. Rodriguez

PUBLIC COMMENT

Council President Waltman stated that there is one (1) citizen registered to address Council. He reminded the citizen of the public speaking rules.

Strat Marmarou, of Linden Street, spoke in support of appointing Chris Daubert to the District 1 seat due to his experience, knowledge of City issues and his congenial attitude. He thanked Council for using a fair process to consider those who applied.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Council President Waltman called Council's attention to the agenda for this meeting, and he inquired if anyone objected to the legislation listed. No one objected.

The agenda for this meeting was approved by acclamation.

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution 70 - 2022 – appointing Christopher Daubert to the District 1 Council seat effective immediately.

Councilor Reed moved, seconded by Councilor Goodman-Hinnershitz, to adopt Resolution 70-2022.

Councilor Reed noted the open and fair process used to consider all those who applied for the District 1 seat.

Councilor Butler connected to the meeting at this time and he was recognized by the Council President.

Councilor Goodman-Hinnershitz noted the great diversity in skills, backgrounds and expertise by all those who applied. She expressed her belief in the process Council used to consider the applicants.

Councilor Cepeda-Freytiz agreed that the process Council uses is fair and open. She spoke about the quality of Mr. Daubert's public service in the past and she expressed the belief that he will also provide great public service moving forward.

Councilor Butler welcomed Mr. Daubert and stated that he looks forward to working with him.

Council President Waltman thanked all who submitted applications, noting that the quality of all applicants left City Council with a difficult decision. He noted that the appointment expires the first Monday in January 2024, adding that the election for a new two (2) year term is in 2023.

Resolution 70-2022 was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas – Butler, Cepeda-Freytiz, Goodman-Hinnershitz, Reed, Waltman, President - 5

Nays: None 0

The City Clerk administered the oath of office to Mr. Daubert.

Councilor Reed moved, seconded by Councilor Goodman-Hinnershitz, to adjourn the special meeting of Council.

Respectfully submitted by Linda A. Kelleher CMC, City Clerk