



# ***COMMITTEE of the WHOLE***

## ***CITY COUNCIL***

**MINUTES**  
**January 3, 2012**  
**5:00 P.M.**

**Councilors Attending:** F. Acosta, M. Goodman-Hinnershitz, S. Marmarou, D. Reed, D. Sterner, J. Waltman

**Others Attending:** V. Spencer, C. Geffken, C. Younger, L. Kelleher

Ms. Kelleher noted the need for Council and the Solicitor to discuss the interview session scheduled for Wednesday, January 4<sup>th</sup> and the Special Meeting of Council for Friday, January 6<sup>th</sup>. She stated that Mr. Younger's opinion is that Council will have to also appoint a Vice President of Council on Friday.

As Mr. Waltman, currently Vice President of Council, is an applicant for the President of Council position, City Council discussed who would chair the interview session. The group collectively decided to have the City Solicitor chair the interview session.

Ms. Kelleher inquired if Council would like to have the interview session streamed onto the City's website. She explained the choice of streaming live or creating a pending stream to be provided publicly at a later date. The group collectively decided to stream the session to the website as the interviews occur.

Mr. Waltman questioned scheduling this Special Meeting on Friday when the Regular Meeting will occur on Monday, January 9<sup>th</sup>. He questioned the need to rush rather than wait until Monday from a protocol perspective.

Ms. Goodman-Hinnershitz and Mr. Acosta expressed the opinion that the Council will need to carry on other business on Monday such as the transition recommendations from the Administration.

Mr. Sterner expressed the belief that holding the meeting two (2) days after the interviews does not look good from a public perspective; however he agreed to hold the meeting on Friday.

Ms. Goodman-Hinnershitz expressed the belief that making a decision before the weekend will prevent lobbying by various candidates over the weekend. She noted that employers interviewing employees usually make a positive or negative decision by the next business day.

There was next a discussion on holding a Special Session on Friday or considering the appointment at the Monday Regular meeting of Council.

Ms. Kelleher noted the need for Council to select dates for the Redistricting public hearing and the meeting with HARB regarding their policies. She stated that HARB has requested a meeting on Thursday, January 12<sup>th</sup>. She reminded Council that they were considering holding the Redistricting hearing either on Wednesday the 11<sup>th</sup> or Wednesday the 18<sup>th</sup>. Council then discussed moving those Sessions to Tuesday the 17<sup>th</sup>. Ms. Kelleher stated that HARB meets Tuesday the 17<sup>th</sup> so a meeting with Council will not be possible. Council decided to hold the Redistricting hearing on Tuesday, January 17<sup>th</sup> at 5pm.

Mr. Younger asked Council to consider an Executive Session to discuss the court decision on the Charter Board appeal regarding initiative and referendum.

Council went into Executive Session at 6:30pm and the Executive Session concluded at approximately 6:50 pm.

The Committee of the Whole meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted  
*Linda A. Kelleher, CMC, City Clerk*