

**City of Reading City Council
Special Meeting
September 8, 2015**

Council President Waltman called the meeting to order.

ATTENDANCE

Council President Waltman
Councilor Daubert, District 1
Councilor Goodman-Hinnershitz, District 2
Councilor Sterner, District 3
Councilor Marmarou, District 4
Councilor Reed, District 5
District 6 - vacant
City Auditor D. Cituk
City Solicitor C. Younger
City Clerk L. Kelleher
Managing Director C. Snyder

PUBLIC COMMENT

Council President Waltman opened the floor for public comment about the items listed on the agenda. No one stepped forward to comment and the public comment period was closed.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Council President Waltman called Council's attention to the agenda for this Special meeting,

Councilor Sterner moved, seconded by Councilor Marmarou, to approve the agenda for this meeting. The motion was approved unanimously.

ORDINANCES FOR FINAL PASSAGE

A. Bill No. 46-2015 –amending the City Code by reducing the cost of sidewalk sale permits in Chapter 212, Fee Schedule, Part 131 Sidewalk Sale and Sidewalk Café Permits ***Advertised Sept 1st***

Councilor Reed moved, seconded by Councilor Goodman-Hinnershitz, to enact Bill No. 46-2015.

Councilor Marmarou noted the existence of some vendors who attempt to use their vending cart permits at the Pagoda.

The City Clerk noted that this ordinance does not affect the vending cart permits. It only addresses the permits for sidewalk sales and cafes.

Bill No. 46-2015 was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas: Daubert, Goodman-Hinnershitz, Marmarou, Reed, Sterner, Waltman,

President - 6

Nays: None - 0

RESOLUTIONS

A. Resolution 80-2015 – appointing _____ to City Council District 6, with a term ending on the first Monday of January 2016

Councilor Reed moved, seconded by Councilor Goodman-Hinnershitz, to nominate John Slifko to the District 6 Council Seat.

Council President inquired if there were additional nominations. When no further nominations were made, the nomination period was closed.

Councilor Reed moved, seconded by Councilor Marmarou, to appoint John Slifko to the District 6 Council Seat.

Councilor Reed noted the quality of those who applied to fill the District 6 Council seat. She noted Mr. Slifko's unique background and qualifications.

Councilor Goodman-Hinnershitz described the sound ethical practice used to select the proper applicant to fill the seat. She expressed her belief in the skills and background of Mr. Slifko.

Councilor Sterner expressed the belief that Mr. Slifko has the necessary skills to come on board and immediately begin working. He stated that the skills of the applicants were exceptional.

Councilor Reed agreed that all the applicants had great skills and she encouraged them to become involved in other ways.

Council President Waltman explained that due to the need for the applicants to be City residents one year before the primary election when the Council seat was last elected, several candidates were disqualified. He described the merits of the neutral process used to fill vacant Council seats. He expressed the belief that the skills of Mr. Slifko will fit well with the current body of Council.

Resolution No. 80-2015 was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas: Goodman-Hinnershitz, Marmarou, Reed, Sterner, Waltman, President - 5

Nays: Daubert - 1

The City Clerk issued the oath to Mr. Slifko.

Mr. Slifko was seated in the District 6 seat. He stated that it is an honor to be selected to serve on Council. He stated that he follows the City's business and he is aware of the various challenges. He stated that he looks forward to working with Council and serving the City.

Councilor Marmarou moved, seconded by Councilor Reed, to adjourn the regular meeting of Council.

Respectfully submitted by Linda A. Kelleher CMC, City Clerk