



CITY OF TEXARKANA

CITY COUNCIL

AGENDA • DECEMBER 16, 2016

Council Chambers

Special Meeting

11:30 AM

**220 TEXAS BLVD.
TEXARKANA, TX 75501**

Mayor

Bob Bruggeman

Ward 1

Jean H. Matlock

Ward 3

Tina Veal-Gooch

Ward 5

Christy P. Paddock

Ward 2

Willie Ray

Ward 4

Brian Matthews

Ward 6

Josh Davis



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I. CALL TO ORDER FOR A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL

II. ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM

III. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE BY MAYOR BOB BRUGGEMAN

IV. MAYOR'S OPENING REMARKS

V. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

Action

1. Resolution No. 2016-145 accepting the resignation of Council Member Veal-Gooch and establishing the process and setting the date for appointing an eligible citizen to serve as the Ward 3 Council Member.

Public Hearing:

Second Briefing:

Council Vote: December 16, 2016

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Jennifer Evans, City Secretary

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Briefing Sheet

Lead Department: City Manager **Action Officer:** John Whitson, City Manager
Subject: Resolution No. 2016-145 accepting the resignation of Council Member Veal-Gooch and establishing the process and setting the date for appointing an eligible citizen to serve as the Ward 3 Council Member.
Briefing: 12/16/2016 **Public Hearing:** **Second Briefing:** **Council Vote:** 12/16/2016

Item Schedule

Updates/History of Briefing:

NOT APPLICABLE

Executive Summary and Background Information:

Councilmember Tina Veal-Gooch currently serves as the Ward 3 Councilmember and has submitted a Letter of Resignation to the City Council for their consideration. The current term for Ward 3 Council Position ends in November, 2017. The city council, in accordance with Article II, Section 6 (a), of the City Charter, may fill the position with a qualified citizen of Ward 3, that is, a citizen who meets all the charter requirements to serve as a councilmember representing the citizens of Ward 3.

During the regular council meeting of 12 DEC 16 the consensus of the city council was to announce a period of time beginning with adoption of Resolution 2016-145 and ending at 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, 3 JAN 17 as the time for interested citizens who reside in Ward 3 to submit Letters of Interest to the City Secretary (post marks will not qualify the Letter of Interest).

The agenda for the Regular Council Meeting scheduled for Monday, 9 JAN 17, will include a closed session during which the City Council will interview candidates who have properly submitted their Letter of Interest and who have been determined by the city staff to meet the charter requirements for qualification to serve in the capacity of Ward 3 Councilmember.

Potential Options:

- Adopt the Resolution as Prepared and Submitted
- Amend and Adopt the Resolution as amended

Fiscal Implications:

None

Staff Recommendation:

Adopt the Resolution as Presented

Advisory Board/Committee Review:

NONE

Board/Committee Recommendation:

NOT APPLICABLE

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Advisory Board/Committee Meeting Date and Minutes:

NOT APPLICABLE

Attachments

- a. 2016-145 RES Accepting Resignation of CM Veal-Gooch (DOC)
- b. 2016-145 Goals & Perspectives (DOCX)

Staff Coordination

City Manager	John Whitson	Department Head Review	Completed
	12/12/2016 9:14 PM		
Public Information Officer		Lisa Thompson	PIO Review Completed
	12/12/2016 9:19 PM		
City Council	Vicky Coopwood	Meeting	Pending 12/16/2016
11:30 AM			

Meeting History

RESOLUTION NO. 2016 - 145

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TEXARKANA, TEXAS, ACCEPTING THE RESIGNATION OF WARD 3 COUNCILMEMBER TINA VEAL-GOOCH AND CALLING FOR APPLICATIONS AND LETTERS OF INTEREST FROM WARD 3 RESIDENTS WHO DESIRE TO BE APPOINTED TO THE OFFICE OF WARD 3 COUNCILMEMBER FOR THE REMAINING TERM; AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, Councilmember Tina Veal-Gooch is currently serving as Ward 3 Councilmember; and

WHEREAS, the current Ward 3 term of office ends in November, 2017; and

WHEREAS, Councilmember Veal-Gooch has submitted her resignation to the City Council for consideration; and

WHEREAS, the City Charter states in Article II, Section 6 (a) that the City Council may, by majority vote of the remaining councilmembers (including the Mayor as a temporary, full-voting member), fill a vacancy in council membership, including the office of Mayor; and

WHEREAS, the City Charter states in Article II, Section 6 (c) that the City Council may defer filling a vacancy in council membership until the next regular City election.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TEXARKANA, TEXAS:

SECTION 1: The City Council thanks Councilmember Veal-Gooch for her service as Councilmember and reluctantly but graciously accepts her letter of resignation.

SECTION 2: The City Council also directs that former Councilmember Veal-Gooch will receive one-half month's compensation as authorized by Article II, Section 2(b) of the City Charter, for her service for the month of December, 2016.

SECTION 3: The City Council hereby announces that they will consider appointing a Ward 3 resident, who is a registered voter and otherwise fully qualified, to the position of Ward 3 Councilmember to serve the remaining term which ends in November, 2017.

SECTION 4: Ward 3 residents who are interested in being appointed to the position of Ward 3 Councilmember shall by 5:00 p.m., Tuesday, January 3, 2017, submit a Letter of Interest in the appointment to the City Secretary stating his or her reasons for desiring to serve (postmarks will not qualify the application, the Letter of Interest must be in the City Secretary's possession by the stated deadline). All Letters of Interest will be public record and included with the City Council Agenda for the City Council meeting to be convened at 6:00 p.m. in City Hall on

January 9, 2017. All candidates for the appointment will likely be interviewed by the City Council during the January 9, 2017 Regular Council Meeting and should plan to attend the meeting.

SECTION 5: That this Resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval.

PASSED AND APPROVED in Special Council Session on this the **16th day of December, 2016.**

ATTEST:

JENNIFER EVANS, CITY SECRETARY

BOB BRUGGEMAN, MAYOR

City of Texarkana, Texas

Developing Perspectives and Goals Pending Approval by the City Council:

Perspectives	Goals
Serve the Community	☐ Promote an Environmentally Sensitive & Livable Community ☐ Provide a Safe Community ☐ Deliver Quality Services ☐ Foster a Healthy Community
Run the Operations	☐ Enhance Community Preparedness & Responsiveness ☐ Maximize Partnership Opportunities ☐ Provide Courteous & Responsive Customer Service ☒ Model a Positive City Image ☐ Deliver Efficient Services ☒ Cultivate Community Involvement & Access
Manage the Resources	☐ Maintain Fiscal Strength ☐ Maximize Utilization & Resources ☐ Invest in Infrastructure & Transportation
Develop Personnel	☐ Develop a Skilled & Diverse Workforce ☐ Create a Positive & Rewarding Work Culture

Perspectives and Goals Additional Comments:

NONE

Resource Impact:

Staff time required if item is approved: No Additional

Other Potential Impacts:

NONE APPLICABLE

Public Information Plan:

☐ Newspaper Notice (Required by Statute)	☐ Public Hearing (Required by Statute)
☐ Public Forum/Input Session	☒ Press Release
☒ E-News Distribution	☒ Website Notice
☒ Social Media (Twitter, Facebook, etc.)	☐ Special Mailing
☐ Flyers Posted	☐ Banners Posted
☐ Survey	☐ Automated Phone Call
☐ None Required	☐

Other: