



CITY OF TEXARKANA
CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES • DECEMBER 16, 2016

Council Chambers**Special Meeting****11:30 AM**

220 TEXAS BLVD.
TEXARKANA, TX 75501

I. CALL TO ORDER FOR A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL**II. ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM**

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Bob Bruggeman	Mayor	Present	
Jean H. Matlock	Ward 1	Present	
Willie Ray	Ward 2	Present	
Tina Veal-Gooch	Ward 3	Absent	
Brian Matthews	Ward 4	Present	
Christy P. Paddock	Ward 5	Present	
Josh Davis	Ward 6	Present	

Staff Present: City Manager John Whitson, Jennifer Evans, Shirley Jaster, Robby Robertson, and Jessica Plant.

Legal Counsel: None

III. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE BY MAYOR BOB BRUGGEMAN**IV. MAYOR'S OPENING REMARKS**

Mayor Bruggeman said he drove by First Baptist Church and noticed a huge turnout of city staff enjoying the Unsung Hero Luncheon hosted by Pastor Jeff Schreve. Mayor Bruggeman thanked Pastor Schreve and his congregation for support and recognition of city staff's hard work in the community.

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

Mayor Bruggeman expressed thanks for Council Member Veal-Gooch's dedicated service to the city and Ward 3 residents. The Mayor reminded council that this resolution, in acceptance of Council Member Veal-Gooch's resignation letter, also sets the parameters for filling the Ward 3 vacancy by appointment.

At the December 12, 2016 council meeting, the council decided to accept letters of interest beginning December 16, 2016 through January 3, 2017. After reviewing the letters of interest, council anticipates conducting interviews in closed session, making an appointment, and swearing in the new Ward 3 appointee at the January 9, 2017 council meeting. The new appointee will finish out the remaining term of Ward 3 which expires in November 2017.

(11:41 a.m.)

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Brian Matthews, Ward 4
SECONDER:	Jean H. Matlock, Ward 1
AYES:	Matlock, Ray, Matthews, Paddock, Davis
ABSENT:	Veal-Gooch
EXCUSED:	Bruggeman

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Bruggeman thanked council members for their service to the city during 2016. Mayor Bruggeman also thanked city staff for support and thorough preparation of agenda items which enables the council to make the best decisions for its citizens. The Mayor wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting.

(11:42 a.m.)

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SECONDER:	Christy P. Paddock, Ward 5
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Jennifer Evans
City Secretary

Bob Bruggeman
Mayor

City of Texarkana, Texas

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Update Date: 12/13/2016 9:37 AM

Briefing Sheet

Lead Department: City Manager **Action Officer:** John Whitson, City Manager
Resolution No. 2016-145 accepting the resignation of Council Member Veal-Gooch and establishing the process and setting the date for appointing an
Subject: 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

City of Texarkana, Texas

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)
- c. 2016-145 RES Accepting Resignation of CM Veal-Gooch for Ward 3 signed (PDF)

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	Jennifer Evans	Meeting	Completed 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:

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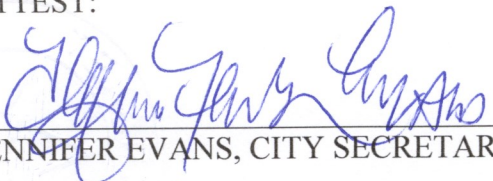
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