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Special Joint City Council and Planning Board Meeting Minutes
February 3, 2025
7:00 PM

President Scott Mandeville called the meeting to order at 7:19 PM.

Roll call was taken, and present were, Councilor Pamela Gilday, Councilor Michael Hogg, Councilor Anthony Rinaldi, Councilor Steven Stanganelli, and President Scott Mandeville.

Absent were: Councilor Claudel Frederique, Councilor Amanda Haggstrom, Councilor Jessica Redfern and Councilor Nicholas Wheeler.

Acting Chair Keith Ratner called the Planning Board roll, and present were Michael Jewell, Joel Nice, and Tracey Chalifour.

Absent were: Pascal Rettig and David Frick.

Also present: City Clerk, Jennifer E. Smith

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**2024-135** Planning Board Appointment - Remainder of unexpired term – Vote to Fill 1 Vacancy

Applicants:

1. Tom Salemi, 49 Powow Street

President Mandeville read the summary and introduced the applicant.

Mr. Salemi introduced himself and stated why he is seeking the appointment to fill the Planning Board vacancy and gave a brief description of his qualifications for the position.

President Mandeville allowed for questions and comments from members of the council.

Councilor Stanganelli thanked Mr. Salemi for once again applying for a vacancy on the Planning Board.

Chairman Ratner allowed for questions and comments from the Planning Board Members.

Ms. Chalifour asked Mr. Salemi about his perceptions on minimizing traffic disruptions in the neighborhoods where there are projects currently on the Planning Board docket.

Mr. Salemi opined that it is the Planning Board's job to consider all aspects of a project, including traffic, and to consider ways to minimize traffic-related micro aggression moments.

Mr. Nice thanked Mr. Salemi for stepping up to fill the vacancy.

**Councilor Stanganelli nominated Tom Salemi for the Planning Board Vacancy. Councilor Gilday seconded.**

**The City Clerk called the roll for the City Council and Chairman Rettig called the roll for the Planning Board and the motion carried unanimously, 9-0.**

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Adjourn

Councilor Stanganelli offered a motion to adjourn at 7:26 PM. Councilor Rinaldi seconded, and the motion passed unanimously, 9-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer E. Smith
City Clerk