

Clerk Suiter administered the oath of office of mayor to Lew Williams III.

Special Ketchikan City Council meeting was called to order by Mayor Williams at 7:01 p.m., June 2, 2009, with the following members present: Dick Coose, Charles Freeman, Kj Harris and Marty West. Councilmember Jason Harris was absent, and two councilmember seats were vacant.

The Pledge of Allegiance was given by all persons in the Chambers.

Staff present were Manager Amylon, City Attorney Bradford and City Clerk Suiter.

COMMUNICATIONS – None

PERSONS TO BE HEARD - None

NEW BUSINESS

Review and Consider Applications for Two Vacancies in the Office of Councilmember

Mayor Williams said each applicant will have two to three minutes to talk about why they are interested in the position, giving two or three top priorities they have for the Council and the City, and then open it up for Council questions. He noted Mr. Conley and Mr. Garcia were not present.

Wally Klingelhut said his main concern is social services because it is where he has spent most of his time in Ketchikan. He also cited housing projects, bringing business to town, the Intertie and getting the bridge as other concerns. He said he is retired now, has the time to devote to City government, and he answered questions from the Council.

Bob Sivertsen said he was born and raised in Ketchikan, has a lot of family here and he wants them to have the same quality of life he had growing up. He said Ketchikan was a real vibrant community then, and he believes it can be that way again. He commented there are a lot of infrastructure issues going on, and he felt he could lend a lot of help on those. He noted KPU telephone is an issue on the table as well economic development, and he commented he could add a lot from his insight in growing up here. He answered questions from the Council.

Matt Olsen said he was raised in Ketchikan, and has worked for the City, the Borough, the University, the tourism industry and the fishing industry. He stated he doesn't have any pet projects and he is interested in the development of Ketchikan for a stable and viable future. He answered questions from the Council.

George Tipton said he has a wealth of experience and has lived in Ketchikan for 20 years. He noted he has been involved since Day 1 on numerous projects, citing more facilities

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for youth and sitting on committees so he knows the commitment needed for those things. He informed he was on the Borough Assembly for two terms.

At the request of Mayor Williams, each councilmember listed their three top choices.

Moved by Kj Harris, seconded by West to appoint Bob Sivertsen to one of the vacant councilmember seats.

Motion passed with Kj Harris, Coose, West and Freeman voting yea; Jason Harris absent.

Moved by Kj Harris, seconded by West to defer consideration of the second councilmember seat until the regular meeting of June 4, 2009.

Motion to defer passed with West, Freeman, Kj Harris and Coose voting yea; Jason Harris absent.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Freeman thanked everyone who bothered to apply. He said it is not a job you get patted on the head for.

Councilmember West agreed with Mr. Freeman, and she welcomed Mr. Sivertsen to the Council.

Mayor Williams thanked everyone who applied, and hoped everyone would put up with him learning how to run the meetings for the next few months. He said he will make sure this item is on the agenda Thursday so it can be dealt with first thing.

ADJOURNMENT

As there was no further business, the Council adjourned at 7:24 p.m.

Lew Williams III, Mayor

ATTEST:

Katherine M. Suiter
City Clerk