

The Council of the City of North Royalton met in the North Royalton City Hall Caucus Room, 13834 Ridge Road on **July 3, 2006, to conduct a Special Work Session.** The Special Work Session was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by President of Council Robert A. Stefanik.

PRESENT: Council: President of Council Robert Stefanik, Council Representatives Denise Bobulsky, Vincent Gentile, Don Willey, Kurt McKee, Lisa Uffman-Kirsch; Legislative Services Director Laura Haller.

Administration: Law Director Thomas O'Donnell.

Ward 5 Applicants: Larry Antoskiewicz, Ron Flowers, Jim Jacobs.

The Director of Legislative Services read the Special Work Session Notice. Notice of this Work Session was posted and presented to Council as required.

WORK SESSION TOPIC

- **REPLACEMENT FOR THE POSITION OF THE WARD 5 COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE.**

Mr. Stefanik stated that 5 individuals had expressed interest in the position of Ward 5 Council Representative by sending in a letter of interest and resume. Three of the five applicants are present this evening. Mr. Stefanik said that he has spoken with all five of the applicants over the past week and if it was alright with the three applicants present, Mr. Stefanik said he would like to ask them to step out of the room so that each candidate can be questioned without being put on the spot in front of the other applicants.

Mrs. Bobulsky asked if the other two applicants who are not present tonight were aware of this process.

Mr. Stefanik said yes. He said that he spoke with Mr. Bull on Friday and Mr. Rymut on Wednesday.

Mrs. Uffman-Kirsch asked if they were aware that this was going to be done today.

Mr. Stefanik said yes.

Mr. Gentile said that he spoke with 4 of the 5 applicants and the 4 were aware.

Mrs. Haller asked the Law Director if asking the applicants to leave the room violated the Open Meetings Law.

Mr. O'Donnell said that they should be able to hear what everybody else is able to hear.

Mr. Stefanik said that he just didn't want to make anyone uncomfortable and put them on the spot, but if the Law Director thinks they should be in here, then we will bring them back in.

The applicants were asked to return to the meeting.

Mrs. Uffman-Kirsch said that she sent an email to Mr. Stefanik asking who the "invited guests" were as indicated on the Council agenda. She said that she assumes that this referred to the applicants.

Mrs. Haller responded that the language "invited guests" is standard language that must be used on a Work Session agenda per the Codified Ordinances.

Mr. Stefanik, Mr. Gentile, Mr. Willey and Mr. McKee all stated that they had spoken with the candidates by phone over the last week.

Mrs. Uffman-Kirsch said that she had previously requested an interview process since she prefers to conduct her interviews in person, but this was denied. She asked if she could now ask questions of the applicants.

At this point in the meeting, there was a lengthy question and answer period between members of Council and the applicants for the Ward 5 position including, but not limited to, their qualifications, views on attending committee meetings, reason for seeking office at this time, what they can bring to Council, their views on the city income tax, etc.

All Council representatives were given an opportunity to ask questions of the applicants.

All applicants were given an opportunity to address Council regarding their interest in the position.

After all wishing to speak had been heard, Mr. Stefanik asked the Law Director to review the procedure that will take place on July 5, 2006, to fill the Ward 5 vacancy.

Mr. O'Donnell explained that at the close of the Regular Order of Business under the Miscellaneous portion of the meeting, Miss Zaccardelli will announce her resignation. At that point, the chair will entertain a motion to open nominations for the position of Ward 5 Council Representative. After all nominations have been made, a motion to close nominations will be in order. The next step will be to vote on the nominees in the order they were nominated. Voting on nominees will cease when one nominee has received a majority vote.

Mrs. Bobulsky asked if it would be possible to narrow the field tonight.

Mr. O'Donnell said no, there can be no formal action taken at a Work Session.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Mr. Willey, seconded by Mr. Gentile **to adjourn the July 3, 2006, Special Work Session.**
Roll Call: Yeas: **Six** (Stefanik, Bobulsky, Gentile, Willey, McKee, Uffman-Kirsch). Nays: **None.**
(Excused: Zaccardelli). **Motion carried.**

Meeting adjourned at 6:23 p.m.

APPROVED: _____ DATE APPROVED: _____
PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

ATTEST: _____
DIRECTOR OF LEGISLATIVE SERVICES