

The Council of the City of North Royalton met in the North Royalton City Hall Council Chambers, 13834 Ridge Road on **March 25, 2013 in a special Work Session**. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by President of Council Larry Antoskiewicz.

PRESENT: Council: President of Council Larry Antoskiewicz, Council Representatives John Nickell, Gary Petrusky, Paul Marnecheck, Steve Muller, Dan Kasaris, Legislative Services Director Laura Haller. **Administration:** Mayor Robert A. Stefanik, Law Director Thomas Kelly, Finance Director Karen Fegan.

OTHER ATTENDEES: Ron Mottl and George Sadallah, candidates for the Ward 3 Vacancy.

- Director of Legislative Services Laura Haller read the Notice of Special Meeting.

SPECIAL MEETING ITEMS:

- **INTERVIEW INTERESTED CANDIDATES TO FILL THE VACANCY FOR WARD 3 COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE**

Mr. Antoskiewicz acknowledged the presence of candidates Ron Mottl and George Sadallah and stated that there is a third candidate, Dan Langshaw, who is out of town on business. He said that he told Mr. Langshaw that we would allow him to be interviewed via speaker phone so that everyone will get the same interview process.

Mr. Nickell wanted it noted for the record that he feels Mr. Langshaw should be present. He said we don't use speaker phones with anything else regarding Council matters. He feels that there is a special privilege being given by allowing this process. He said he understands that the technology exists, but he feels the candidate should be present and that he feels we are giving him special privilege.

Mr. Antoskiewicz he does not believe that this is a special privilege. When we set this process up, we had no idea who was even going to apply for these positions. He said that he sat down with Mrs. Haller and we looked at the calendar knowing we had only 30 days to take action and came up with the best possible schedule for how to fulfill this. Mr. Antoskiewicz said that the protocol would have been this way for anyone that that applied that if for some reason they could not be present, we would be more than happy to accommodate. The intent is for us to take all candidates that wanted the position and give them all the same courtesy.

Mr. Petrusky said that he printed off an article that appeared in the Post Newspaper and would like it included as an attachment to the minutes.

At this point in the meeting, there was a lengthy question and answer period between members of Council and the applicants for the Ward 3 position including, but not limited to: their qualifications, views on current committee agenda items, reason for seeking office at this time, their plans for running for the position in November, what they did to prepare for this interview, 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.

Mr. Langshaw was reached by phone and a similar question and answer period ensued.

After the interviews were completed, Mr. Antoskiewicz reviewed the procedure for Thursday's Special Meeting, stating that all candidates will be considered eligible for the position and Council will be asked to vote for the candidate of their choice.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Mr. Kasaris, seconded by Mr. Petrusky to adjourn the Work Session. Roll Call: Yeas: **Six** (Antoskiewicz, Nickell, Petrusky, Marnecheck, Muller, Kasaris). Nays: **None. Motion carried.**

Work Session adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

APPROVED: /s/ Larry Antoskiewicz DATE APPROVED: April 16, 2013
PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

ATTEST: /s/ Laura J. Haller
DIRECTOR OF LEGISLATIVE SERVICES

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Posted on March 20, 2013 by **Jaime Anton**
NORTH ROYALTON – Three familiar faces are seeking the Ward 3 seat.

School Board Member Dan Langshaw, former state and U.S. politician Ronald M. Mottl and CERT Member George Sadallah, who was heavily active in the city's sports programs, have all submitted resumes.

They will be interviewed one by one beginning at 6 p.m. March 25 by council, and one will be selected as the new Ward 3 councilman and announced at a special meeting at 6 p.m. March 28.

Ward 3 Councilman Don Willey died March 1 after suffering from lung cancer. His term was to expire in November, so the candidate that is selected will finish out that term, and there will be an election for the seat come November.

Langshaw, 27, announced back in early February his intentions to run in Ward 3. He has been attending council meetings regularly for more than a year gaining insight and prepping for the position. Last year, he even spent time

with Willey touring the ward getting familiar with any issues and concerns there.

"Whether it be council, caucus or committee meetings, I have been attending them for an entire year, gaining a better understanding of issues in the ward and how the city operates. I have met with various

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department heads and officials to gain a better understanding of how the city operates. I was the only one that declared I was going to run, and I was the only one that prepared," he said. "You can't jump into this. I was blessed to have the opportunity to tour the ward with Don and gain a better understanding of the ward. You have to do your homework and I have."

Experience serving on the school board and his prep work on council make him the prime candidate for the seat, in his opinion.

"I'm very passionate about being a public servant, being a part of the positive momentum happening in North Royalton. My energy, experience and dedication to my hometown and desire to serve residents of Ward 3 are why I wanted to run for this seat. Residents need a positive voice, and I want to be that voice," he said.

Mottl, 79, is by no means new to politics.

It's a healthy resume, but it doesn't stop there. Mottl is also credited as the father of the Ohio Lottery.

He lived in Parma 42 years and has lived in North Royalton the past 20 years.

Willey was a neighbor.

"He was a great guy, a good friend," Mottl said. "I thought maybe I could use my experience to help the city of North Royalton."

Mottl said he is up to speed on some of the capital improvement projects and current affairs going on in Royalton.

Being a senior citizen, senior issues are near and dear to him.

"I'm a senior citizen. I want to especially help seniors. I would also like to see if we can get as many grants from Columbus and Washington to help in getting additional funds for the city without adding taxes," Mottl said.

Mottl said he likely will not run for the seat come November.

Sadallah, 59, has been active with the city's Community Emergency Response Team and is an insurance agent for Nationwide Insurance in Strongsville. His involvement with CERT has introduced him to city hall and city officials. He knows most of the current councilmen and also knew Willey.

He is a political newcomer, however, he did serve on his homeowners' association board from 2002 to 2011. He has lived in North Royalton since 2001, and he and his daughters have been involved in sports programs in the community.

"I enjoy serving the community. It's such a great community and has given so much to me and my family. I just feel I need to give back what I've gotten. Applying for this position is just another way of putting back into the community what I've taken out," Sadallah said.

He said if granted the appointment, he would run for the seat in November. If he doesn't receive the appointment, he said he probably would not run.

Council spent the past week reviewing the resumes before the upcoming interviews.

"On March 28, we will have a special council meeting to vote on the appointment at 6 p.m.," said Council President Larry Antoskiewicz.

The interviews will be open to the public; however, audience members will not have an opportunity to ask candidates questions. Interviewing will be left strictly to councilmen.

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