

BOROUGH OF YEADON
SPECIAL MEETING
JUNE 14, 2012
6:09 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER

John Holden, Council President, called the special meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

John Holden, President	Present
Denise Stinson, Vice President	Present
Rosalind Johnson	Present
Asher Kemp, Jr.	Absent
Deborah Robinson-Howell	Present
Gracie Snead	Present
Nelva Wright	Present
Dolores Jones-Butler, Mayor	Absent
Caren Andrews, Manager	Present

President Holden announced there was no Executive Session prior to tonight's meeting.

CITIZEN'S FORUM, AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

Isaac Dotson asked if tonight's meeting was for the purpose of hiring an Administrative Officer and Consultant and asked for the responsibilities of the Consultant. Councilor Johnson said a job description has been circulated for the consultant position but Personnel Committee has not reviewed resumes or conducted interviews of candidates for the consultant position. Personnel Committee has not made written recommendations on the Administrative Officer position. Councilor Johnson said the Borough Council as a whole has not met the Administrative Officer candidates. Councilor Johnson said no reference or background checks have been completed on the Administrative Officer candidates.

President Holden announced Gracie Snead has entered the Council chambers.

Mr. Dotson again asked the purpose of the meeting.

Mr. Holden said the meeting has been publicly advertised for the purpose of hiring an Administrative Officer and Consultant.

Jacqueline Mosely called out and asked if tonight's meeting was advertised. President Holden confirmed the meeting was advertised.

Donna Young Turner asked if Council was hiring someone tonight for the two positions or are they in the process of interviewing the candidates. President Holden said the purpose of tonight's meeting is to follow tonight's agenda.

Councilor Johnson said she has never been in a position to hire someone, particularly a Consultant, without seeing the resumes.

Donna Young Turner said the Administrative Officer job description is expansive and requires a high rate of pay.

Jacqueline Mosely critiqued the hiring process. She stated if the Personnel Committee members are not familiar with the candidates how can the community understand it.

Joan Watts asked how many Council persons are ready to move forward. Councilor Johnson and Councilor Snead said they are not prepared to move forward. Councilor Johnson criticized the hiring process and the lack of background and reference checks. Councilor Johnson asked for the resignation of Council President Holden. Councilor Johnson said this is a decision made by a small group of people not shared with all of Council.

Isaac Dotson once again asked the purpose of the meeting. Councilor Wright stated the purpose is to hire two positions. Mr. Dotson asked if it is true that some members of Council do not have all of the information. Councilor Snead and Councilor Johnson said they do not have the information. Mr. Dotson said if the Borough is financially broke why hire a consultant.

President Holden asked for a motion.

MOTION FOR COUNCIL TO RETAIN DR. CAROLINA HARRIS FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AS THE BUSINESS CONSULTANT.

Motioned By: Councilor Wright

There was an outburst from Council Johnson, Councilor Snead, and the audience objecting to the motion. Councilor Johnson asked to see Dr. Harris' resume, credentials, and background check. President Holden asked for police assistance. A police officer entered the Council chambers. President Holden hit the gavel to get order. President Holden said he is asking the officer to remove citizens if they continue to be disruptive.

A second was requested on the motion.

Seconded by: Deborah Robinson Howell

Council President Holden asked to have Jacqueline Mosely and Isaac Dotson removed from the Council chambers. Councilor Johnson said they are not being disruptive and need not be removed from the meeting.

President Holden asked for a roll call vote. Councilor Johnson expressed unreadiness. Councilor Johnson asked again for consultant candidate's resume. Councilor Johnson asked for an Executive Session to review Dr. Harris' resume.

Councilor Snead was recognized. Councilor Snead expressed unreadiness. She asked that the newly created hiring guidelines be followed.

President Holden asked for a motion to close the debate.

MOTION FOR COUNCIL TO CLOSE THE DEBATE.

Motioned by: Councilor Wright

Seconded by: Councilor Robinson Howell

Councilor Snead and Councilor Johnson continued to debate.

Name	Yes	No
John Holden	Yes	
Denise Stinson	Yes	
Rosalind Johnson	No response	
Deborah Robinson-Howell	Yes	
Gracie Snead	No response	
Nelva Wright	Yes	

President Holden directed the Borough Manager to take a roll call vote on the motion to close the debate. While the Manager was taking the vote there was an ongoing debate from Councilor Johnson. The motion to close the debate carried 4:0.

A Police officer demanded quiet. President Holden asked to remove everyone if audience continues to be disruptive.

Councilor Johnson stated she is hearing impaired and requested of Council more than four months ago the proper accommodations and the support system has not been made available. Councilor Johnson stated that she has not been given any of the support documents that are needed for the background information and asked for a recess to review the document in order to vote. She again asked to see the consultant's resume.

President Holden said Councilor Johnson is out of order.

President Holden asked for a roll call vote.

Councilor Johnson said she would vote if she had the resume. Councilor Wright stated the prospective hours/salary of business consultant: 4 hours per week, 4 days per week, \$ 770 per week, not to exceed \$ 40,000 during a one year period.

Name	Yes	No
John Holden	Yes	
Denise Stinson	Yes	
Rosalind Johnson	No response	
Deborah Robinson-Howell	Yes	
Gracie Snead	No response	
Nelva Wright	Yes	

President Holden announced the motion passed to hire Carolina Harris as Consultant 4:0

President Holden continued with the next item agenda.

MOTION TO HIRE MARCIA HINTON AS ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER FOR \$ 50K PER ANNUM, BASED ON SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF BACKGROUND CHECK

Motioned by: Deborah Robinson Howell
Seconded by: Nelva Wright

President Holden asked the officers again to remove if the public is disruptive.

Councilor Johnson said Personnel Committee interviewed two candidates. At that meeting, Councilor Wright, Councilor Stinson & Councilor Johnson agreed the individuals would be presented to Council. Councilor Snead has not met either person. Councilor Johnson expressed her concern that the process is highly irregular.

John Holden, President	Yes
Denise Stinson, Vice President	Yes
Rosalind Johnson	No
Deborah Robinson-Howell	Yes
Gracie Snead	No
Nelva Wright	Yes

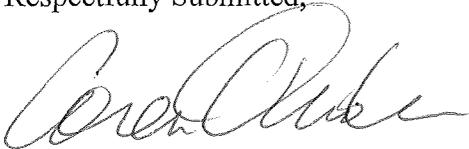
Motion passed 4 to 2.

ADJOURN

There were no other matters on the agenda. President Holden asked for a motion to adjourn at 7:13 PM.

Motioned by: Councilor Robinson Howell
Seconded by: Councilor Wright

Respectfully Submitted,



Caren Andrews
Borough Manager/Secretary