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A Special meeting of the Carson City Board of Supervisors was scheduled for 1:00 p.m. on Thursday, November 5, 2020 in the Community Center Bob Boldrick Theater, 851 East William Street, Carson City, Nevada.

**PRESENT:**

Acting Mayor Brad Bonkowski  
Supervisor Stacey Giomi, Ward 1  
Supervisor Lori Bagwell, Ward 3  
Supervisor John Barrette, Ward 4

**STAFF:**

Nancy Paulson, City Manager  
Stephanie Hicks, Deputy City Manager  
Dan Yu, Assistant District Attorney  
Tamar Warren, Senior Public Meetings Clerk

**NOTE:** A recording of these proceedings, the Board's agenda materials, and any written comments or documentation provided to the Clerk, during the meeting, are part of the public record. These materials are available for review, in the Clerk's Office, during regular business hours. All meeting minutes are available for review at: <https://www.carson.org/minutes>.

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

(1:02:48) – Acting Mayor Bonkowski called the meeting to order at 1:02 p.m.

**2. ROLL CALL**

(1:03:12) – Ms. Warren called roll and noted that a quorum was present.

(1:03:30) – Ms. Hicks announced that due to technical issues, the City's Facebook livestream option was unavailable; however, the meeting would be streamed live at [carson.org/meetings](https://www.carson.org/meetings).

**3. PUBLIC COMMENT**

(1:03:48) – Acting Mayor Bonkowski entertained public comments; however, none were forthcoming.

**4. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

(1:03:57) – Acting Mayor Bonkowski entertained modifications to the agenda and when none were forthcoming, he considered the agenda adopted as presented.

**5. CITY MANAGER**

**5.A FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING THE APPOINTMENT OF A PERSON TO FILL AN ANTICIPATED VACANCY IN THE OFFICE OF WARD**

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**3 SUPERVISOR ON THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR A TERM BEGINNING ON JANUARY 4, 2021 AND ENDING ON JANUARY 1, 2023.**

(1:04:12) – Acting Mayor Bonkowski introduced the item and entertained disclosures. Supervisor Bagwell read into the record a prepared disclosure statement citing Article 2, Section 2.030 of the Carson City Charter:

*1. A vacancy in the office of Supervisor must be filled by appointment by a majority of the members of the Board within 30 days after the occurrence of the vacancy or after three regular or special meetings, whichever is the shorter period of time. A person may be selected to fill a prospective vacancy in the Board before the vacancy occurs. In such a case, each member of the Board, except any member whose term of office expires before the occurrence of the vacancy, may participate in any action taken by the Board pursuant to this section. The appointee must have the qualifications required by section 2.010.*

She also noted that even though she would not participate in discussion and action, “this appointment is clearly an important decision for this Board to make.”

(1:06:15) – Acting Mayor Bonkowski read “the ground rules” into the record and reviewed the upcoming milestones. He also explained that the supervisors would ask the same question (with possible follow-up questions) to all the applicants (rotating who answers the question first) and noted that the applicants were seated in alphabetical order. Acting Mayor Bonkowski recommended providing thoughtful and in-depth answers, adding that each Supervisor will use his individual scoring mechanism, and at the end of the interview a decision will be made by the Board; however, it must be unanimous.

Applications for the vacancy were received from Robey Willis, Chris Pattison, James Wells, Stan Jones and K. Renee Plain. All the applicants’ information is incorporated into the Staff Report and made available to members of the public, and may be viewed at <https://www.carson.org/home/showpublisheddocument?id=73092>.

The Supervisors asked the questions listed below (and additional follow up questions) to the applicants. The interview may be viewed in its entirety on the City’s website at [carson.org/meetings](https://www.carson.org/meetings). It may also be viewed by clicking on the following link: [https://carsoncity.granicus.com/MediaPlayer.php?view\\_id=2&clip\\_id=1645](https://carsoncity.granicus.com/MediaPlayer.php?view_id=2&clip_id=1645):

- *Name a service Carson City is providing to its residents that is working well. Be specific on why it is working well, what was done correctly and if the service can continue to be improved.*
- *Name 1-2 things Carson City and the Board of Supervisors has not done well or could do better. Be specific and provide details on why and how it has not been done well and how you would do it better.*
- *Tell us about a time when you found yourself at the center of a political firestorm. What was the result/impact? What did you take away from this? What is the relevance? Describe a time when you used the lesson in a different situation.*

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- *Can you recall a time when politics got in the way of you performing your job? How did you respond and what was the result?*
- *If someone came to you with a proposal to build a new public infrastructure project in Carson City (roads, water treatment plant, etc.) how would you evaluate whether the project is worth implementing?*
- *What do you believe is the single most compelling issue facing Carson City and what would you propose be done about it?*
- *When you hear about something that concerns you in the City, what steps would you take to see that this concern is resolved?*
- *Carson City has historically been very fiscally conservative with a limited budget. How would you balance the need to fund capital infrastructure, maintain levels of service to our citizens and the community, and the need to maintain reserves in order to hedge against future economic downturns? Try to avoid canned answers or talking points and provide specific details.*
- *You are in a Board of Supervisor's meeting and a person comes up for public comment and begins making disparaging comments about you, or another Board member, making accusations of backroom deals and unethical behavior. How do you respond?*
- *An item is in front of the Board for consideration. Personally, you are adamantly opposed to an affirmative vote on this item. Do you approach your fellow Board members prior to the meeting and lobby them to vote no? If so, how many Board members would you approach? If an affirmative vote is in the best interests of the City and its citizens, but runs contrary to your personal beliefs, would you still try to defeat the affirmative vote?*
- *You receive a phone call from a resident representing five other individuals. He is calling because a local business is causing noise and odor problems in violation to their SUP. He tells you that the City has been working on a resolution for the past 6 months, but nothing is happening. Two point to this question – first – what authority do you, as an individual board member have in this situation? Second, tell me what actions you'll take on behalf of this resident, be specific and detailed.*
- *Many county governments across the state have elected officials who run along party lines. I'd like to hear your thoughts on why you think Carson City's original charter established*

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*that the member of the BOS will serve as non-partisan elected officials?*

- *Based on what you've heard today, if we didn't choose you to fill this Ward 3 role – of your fellow candidates who do you think we should pick?*
  
- *What do you see your role as relative to labor negotiations?*
  
- *If you are selected to serve as Supervisor from Ward 3 for the next 2 years, do you plan to file and run for the 4-year term in 2022 that begins January 2023. If so, tell us what could change your mind? And if not, why not?*
  
- *What is your top priority for 2021 and 2022 as a Supervisor, if you are chosen?*
  
- *Tell me the most significant book you have read in your lifetime, who wrote it, and why you believe it was so significant compared with the many others I assume you have read?*

(4:27:28) – Acting Mayor Bonkowski announced the start of the deliberations. Supervisor Barrette called the applicants “impressive” and noted that he would cast his vote to Mr. Jones. However, he encouraged the other applicants to run for the office in two years as Mr. Jones had chosen not to run for another term.

(4:32:35) – Supervisor Giomi also called his decision “difficult” and thanked the applicants. He stated that he had preferred to have the position filled via an election; however, that had not been possible for many reasons. Supervisor Giomi encouraged the applicants to run for office as well, and noted that he would vote for Mr. Jones.

(4:36:37) – Acting Mayor Bonkowski noted that a unanimous decision was required for the appointment and explained that his highest score had been received by Mr. Wells; however, to ensure a unanimous decision he would vote for Mr. Jones. He also entertained a motion.

**(4:38:13) – Supervisor Giomi moved to appoint Stan Jones to the office of Ward 3 Supervisor for a term beginning on January 4, 2021 and ending on January 1, 2023. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Barrette.**

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED (3-0-1)</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Supervisor Giomi
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Supervisor Barrette
<b>AYES:</b>	Supervisors Giomi, Barrette, and Acting Mayor Bonkowski
<b>NAYS:</b>	None
<b>ABSTENTIONS:</b>	Supervisor Bagwell
<b>ABSENT:</b>	None

ments;  
however, none were forthcoming.

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**7. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: TO ADJOURN**

(4:39:07) – Acting Mayor Bonkowski adjourned the meeting at 4:39 p.m.

The Minutes of the November 5, 2020 Carson City Board of Supervisors special meeting are so approved this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of December, 2020.

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BRAD BONKOWSKI, Acting Mayor

ATTEST:

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AUBREY ROWLATT, Clerk – Recorder

Attachments: Emailed Public Comments