

**JOURNAL OF SPECIAL COMMISSION WORK SESSION**  
**June 18, 2024**

City Commission Special Work Session  
Civic Center, Gibson Room 212

Mayor Reeves presiding

**CALL TO ORDER:** 4:00 PM

**CITY COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT:** Cory Reeves, Susan Wolff, Joe McKenney, Shannon Wilson and Rick Tryon.

**STAFF PRESENT:** City Clerk Lisa Kunz.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

**Jessica Crist**, City resident and Library Board member, thanked the Commission for interviewing the applicants. She noted that the current Library Board members have diverse backgrounds. She encouraged the Commission to appoint a member that would move the Library forward effectively.

Written public comments were received from **Tamara Bistodeau**, 3120 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue North, recommending the appointment of Ashlynn Maczko or Bob Kelly to the Library Board.

Written public comments were received from **Gordon Whirry, Jim Heckel**, 3012 Carmel Drive, **Aaron Weissman, Pam Guschausky**, 1523 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue South, **Mark and Rosemary Semmens**, 3908 17<sup>th</sup> Avenue South, **Lynette Scriver-Colburn, Carol Bradley, Tom Lyons**, email with no name provided, **Elizabeth Jennings, Debra Erwin**, 500 28<sup>th</sup> Avenue NW, **Steve Erwin, Carl Donovan, Paavo Hall**, 2910 5B Street NE, **Randall Knowles, Bob Norbie, Anne Martinez, Jane Weber, Suzanne Porter** and **Nora Flaherty-Gray** expressing support for the appointment of Bob Kelly to the Library Board.

Written public comments were received from **Josh Ewald, Dan and Wendy Wilkinson**, 1705 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue North, **Gerry Jennings, Camille Consolvo**, 2717 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue North, and **Sara Buley**, 913 25<sup>th</sup> Avenue SW, **Matt Lyons** and **Jasmine Taylor** in support of Bob Kelly, Sandor Hopkins or Ashlynn Maczko as candidates for the Library Board.

Written public comments were received from **David Saslav** and **Sharon Stearns** expressing support for the appointment of Bob Kelly or Sandor Hopkins for the Library Board,

Written public comment was received from **Lucretia Humphrey** urging the Commission to look for qualifications, not a place holder for one small aspect of the community.

Written public comments were received from **Renaë Munson, Ron Staley, Brian Cayko, Beth McDonough, Ginny Rogliano, Casey Cummings**, and **Tony Rosales** expressing support for the reappointment of Noelle Johnson.

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### 1. GREAT FALLS LIBRARY BOARD CANDIDATE INTERVIEWS, CONTINUED FROM JUNE 12, 2024.

Mayor Reeves announced that members of the Commission would take turns asking questions to the applicants, and may include follow-up discussion for clarification.

The City Commission interviewed Bob Kelly [participated telephonically] and Sharon Anderson at a meeting open to the public. Members of the Commission took turns asking questions to the applicants. Each member of the Commission will weigh the information discussed during the interviews, and will either make an appointment to the Great Falls Library Board at the regularly scheduled City Commission meeting on June 18, 2024, or request that the board position be re-advertised for other citizen interest to fill the vacancy on this board.

Commissioner Tryon discussed follow-up procedures for applications received for boards and commissions. He will offer suggestions during Commission Initiatives, such as a commission member contacting the applicants by telephone or email to encourage them to apply for other board openings.

He would also like the Commission to prepare more detailed, specific questions for Library Board interviews concerning Library policies and procedures, instead of only questions about experience, and to weed out the repetitive questions. He encouraged more input on how to make the interview process better.

Commissioner Wilson commented that the public can download packets. She hopes applicants continue to engage and stay involved in boards and commissions.

**ADJOURN**

There being no further discussion, Mayor Reeves adjourned the informal special work session of June 18, 2024 at 4:37 p.m.