

August 24, 2021

A Special Meeting of the City Council of the City of Fairmont was held at 4:00 p.m. on the 24th day of August, 2021, at the Public Safety Building located at 500 Quincy Street, Fairmont, West Virginia.

Mayor Mainella called the meeting to order.

Roll call was taken by the Clerk.

Councilmembers present were:

First District	Joshua D. (Josh) Rice
Second District	Anne E. Bolyard
Third District	Karl (David) Kennedy
Fourth District	Richard (Rick) Garcia
Fifth District	Barry H. Bledsoe
Sixth District	Gia Deasy
Seventh District	Vacant
Eighth District	Thomas (Tom) Mainella
Ninth District	Donna M. Blood

Also present were:

City Manager	Valerie A. Means
City Clerk	Janet L. Keller
City Attorney	Kevin V. Sansalone

CONSIDERATION OF COUNCIL BUSINESS

IN RE: ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Mainella moved that Council adjourn to Executive Session under WV Code Section §6-9A-4 under Item #2 under 2.11 of the City Charter. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Blood.

The Mayor declared the meeting adjourned to Executive Session by voice vote of Council at 4:02 p.m.

IN RE: MEETING RECONVENED

Mayor Mainella declared the meeting reconvened at 6:45 p.m.

IN RE: APPOINTMENT, 7TH DISTRICT COUNCILMEMBER

Mayor Mainella entertained a motion for an appointment to fill the 7th District

Councilmember vacancy for an unexpired term to end after the canvass is completed after the November 8, 2022 Municipal Election.

Motion:

Councilmember Rice moved to appoint Nicholas “Nicky” Cinalli to fill the 7th District Councilmember vacancy. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Bolyard.

Discussion:

Councilmember Bolyard noted that the City received three amazing top candidates and she encouraged each and every person to send in a letter or application in anticipation of their public service. She was very appreciative of each and every candidate.

Councilmember Deasy stated that every candidate that applied appeared to be very dedicated to the City of Fairmont. She hoped that each and every one of them find some way to serve in the interim and City Council elections will be coming up with an open spot. She mentioned that if they are not ready to be on City Council there are certainly other ways that they can serve Fairmont.

Councilmember Bledsoe said that the quality of the applicants that applied, Council had to have quite a discussion to try to decide who to appoint. He thought Council picked a great candidate and any of the others could have also been very good and he appreciated them showing interest.

Councilmember Blood stated that she was impressed with every single candidate and hope they are able to run for office again or be civic-minded and help our community. She thanked them all for applying for the position.

Councilmember Rice mentioned that each candidate did bring something to the table. He encouraged each and everyone of them to run in the next election.

The Mayor thanked all of those who applied for their willingness to serve and noted that it was a tough choice but the election is coming up in about a year and we will see what happens then. He then thanked everyone that applied.

Councilmember Garcia mentioned that he was very impressed with all of them.

Roll call was taken by the Clerk.

The Mayor declared Nicholas “Nicky” Cinalli appointed to fill the 7th District Councilmember vacancy for an unexpired term to end after the canvass is completed after the November 8, 2021 Municipal Election by unanimous vote of Council.

Mayor Mainella noted that Mr. Cinalli will take his Oath of Office at the beginning of the 7:00 p.m. regular meeting. Congratulations were extended to Mr. Cinalli on his appointment.

ADJOURNMENT

The Mayor entertained a motion for adjournment.

Motion:

Councilmember Bledsoe moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Bolyard.

The Mayor declared the meeting adjourned by voice vote of Council at 6:51 p.m.