

COMMON COUNCIL

May 4, 2004

Mayor Robert Raphael presided at a special meeting of the Common Council held at 6 PM on May 4, 2004, at One Court Plaza.

Present:

Mayor Robert Raphael
Ald. A. Anthony Abraham
Ald. James Cushman
Ald. Suzanne Williams
Ald. Joseph Maiurano
Ald. Joseph Biviano

Also:

Human Resources Director Deborah DeForest
Deputy Clerk Donna Philippone

Absent:

Ald. Jeffrey Thornton

RESOLUTION No. # 28 - 2004. APPOINTMENT OF CITY CHAMBERLAIN / CITY CLERK

Ald. Maiurano introduced the following and moved its adoption:

WHEREAS, a vacancy exists in the position of (Director of Finance) City Chamberlain / City Clerk;
and

WHEREAS, the Common Council has recommended that William J. Roberts of 112 Hillview Court, be appointed to such position, contingent upon the conditions of employment as outlined in the Employment Agreement; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that effective May 5, 2004, William J. Roberts of 112 Hillview Court, be and hereby is appointed to the position of City Chamberlain/City Clerk at Grade 30 of the City Non-Unit Compensation Schedule, for the remainder of a two year term expiring December 31, 2004; and, further be it

RESOLVED, that the Mayor, be and hereby is authorized and directed to sign the Employment Agreement with William J. Roberts.

Seconded by Ald. Williams and duly adopted on a roll call vote, 5-0.

-- Prior to the vote, Ald. Cushman asked if Ald. Thornton had been contacted about this special meeting. HR Director DeForest said she had left several messages but did not receive a call back.

Ald. Cushman indicated that a year ago the Council voted unanimously to approve an agreement with Mr. Roberts and Ald. Biviano said he was voting for the agreement because Roberts wanted it. He noted that at that time the City was fortunate to have someone that could step in during the interim before Mr. Molinaro was hired, however, this year we don't have the luxury of anybody that can step in to maintain the office and minimize any slippage. Ald. Cushman said we are pressed for time and have made an effort to poll the people that were interviewed last year. Of the three on the list, including Roberts, two chose not to re-interview for the position.

Ald. Biviano said he agreed with Ald. Cushman's statements. He noted that last year the Council voted unanimously and although he wasn't in favor of Mr. Roberts submitting his resignation, he voted for it based on the fact that Roberts had already tendered a resignation and accepted a severance agreement. Ald. Biviano said he felt Mr. Roberts did a fine job as Director of Finance for the City.

Adjournment –Ald. Biviano moved to adjourn at 6:09 PM. Seconded by Ald. Maiurano and duly adopted, ayes all.