

Personnel Action Committee

Minutes for meeting date 11/17/2021 Meeting at City Hall - Starting time 6:00pm

Committee Members – Cindy Harris, chair (present), Ralph Figy (present), Richard Sullivan (not present)

The Law Dept. has requested us to ask if anyone is audio or video taping, or livestreaming this meeting – none.

We have 1 Agenda Item.

Agenda Item #1

City Treasurer/Collector Matthew Barnes requesting reappointment of his position for a term to expire December 20, 2024.

Discussion:

City Treasurer/Collector Matthew Barnes is requesting the City Council to reappoint him to another term. His current appointment ends December 20, 2021 and a reappointment would extend that ending date to December 20, 2024.

As stated at his initial appointment Mr. Barnes has a Master of Science in Accounting and a B.A. in Business Administration from Western New England College. He is a Certified Public Accountant who worked at the firm of Gary Olgzewski and Company as a Senior Accountant from 2005 to 2019, until he was hired as our Treasurer.

He has been involved over many years at Blessed Sacrament Church on their Finance Council. Although on that Council on his initial appointment, he subsequently resigned from that position. He was a City Water Commissioner for 10 years, has been involved in Westfield Little League as a Board Member – team manager – and coach, and active in the Cub Scouts/Boy Scouts Organization. He is reliable, organized, has great time management skills, and is professional in his work. He is comfortable with Law parameters and learning new Laws as necessary to perform his job, as well as using any computer system.

At that Appointment Council Meeting, Councilor Flaherty stated that Mr. Barnes was an excellent candidate, and Councilor Burns stated that he serviced with Mr. Barnes on the Water Commission and absolutely supported him. All Councilors voted yes for his Initial Appointment.

Mr. Barnes submitted to the Full Council the following list on his important accomplishments so far. (Appendix A)

Councilor Figy stated that Mr. Barnes is easy to work with and the he always returns calls.

Motion made by Councilor Figy, 2nd by Councilor Harris to reappoint Matthew Barnes as City Treasurer.

All those in favor – Chair/Councilor Harris – Yes
Councilor Figy – Yes
Councilor Sullivan – Absent

Motion passes on a 2-0 Vote

Motion made by Councilor Figy to approve minutes of tonight's meeting 11/17/2021, 2nd by Councilor Harris.

Chair - All those in favor – Chair/Councilor Harris – Yes
Councilor Figy – Yes
Councilor Sullivan – Absent

Motion passes on a 2-0 Vote.

Motion to adjourn by Councilor Figy, 2nd by Councilor Harris
Chair - All in favor – Chair/Councilor Harris – Yes
Councilor Figy – Yes
Councilor Sullivan – Absent

Motion passes on a 2-0 Vote.

Meeting adjourned at 6:05PM

Minutes submitted by Cindy Harris, Chair 11/18/2021