



**WESTBROOK CITY COUNCIL
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2021 AT 7:30 PM
WESTBROOK MIDDLE SCHOOL
471 STROUDWATER ST.**



I. ROLL CALL

Call to Order. Meeting called to order at 8:09pm by Committee Chair Morse.

City Councilors Present: Michael Shaughnessy (At-Large), David C. Morse (Ward 1), Victor Chau (Ward 2), Anna A. Turcotte (Ward 3, Vice President), Gary Rairdon (Ward 4, President), Elliot Storey (Ward 5), Claude Rwaganje (At-Large)

City Councilors Absent: None

Other City Officials Present: Jerre Bryant (City Administrator), Natalie Burns (City Solicitor), Michael T. Foley (Mayor), Angela Holmes (Asst. City Administrator/City Clerk)

II. FILLING CITY COUNCIL VACANCIES

Councilor Morse gave the floor to Ms. Holmes to provide an outline of existing practices on filling vacant positions on City Council, and to review a proposed policy.

Councilor Morse opened the floor for questions and/or comments. The following individuals spoke: Vice President Turcotte, Councilor Shaughnessy, Ms. Burns, Ms. Holmes, Councilor Rwaganje, Councilor Storey, Councilor Chau, Councilor Morse, Mayor Foley

Motion to send the draft policy to City Council for consideration, amended to include the following: (1) interested applicants would be required to collect signatures via nomination petition paper in the same manner as regular candidates for office; (2) interested applicants would have 15 days to gather the required signatures; (3) the vacant position would be formally announced at a City Council meeting as soon as it is known; (4) nomination petition papers would become available the day after the vacancy is formally announced; (5) qualified candidates would be invited to appear before the Committee of the Whole for a review; and (6) interested applicants should include a letter of intent.

Moved by Councilor Rwaganje, seconded by Vice President Turcotte.

Committee Chair Morse opened the floor for comments on the motion. The following individuals spoke: Ms. Holmes, Councilor Rwaganje, Vice President Turcotte, Ms. Burns, President Rairdon, Mayor Foley

Motion carried by a show of hands. None opposed.

III. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn at 8:52pm.

Moved by President Rairdon, seconded by Councilor Rwaganje.

Motion carried by a show of hands. None opposed.