March 13, 2024

(7:05 p.m.)

**Meeting Minutes**

**CM Boylan Noticed Meeting re: Council Leadership**

**Date** March 12, 2024

**Topic:**  Council Leadership 2024/2025 Council year

**Location:** Henry Cook Room, 1st Floor, City Hall

**Attendance:** Council Member Michael Boylan D - 6), Council President Ron Salem AL – 2, Council Members, Howland AL - 3, Clark-Murray D - 9, Johnson D - 14, Peluso D - 7, Diamond D - 13, Lahnen D - 3, Pittman D -10, Amaro D -1, Gaffney Jr. D - 8, and M. Carlucci AL - 4.

 ***Please refer to the Attendance Sheet for a complete listing of meeting attendees.***

**Convened:** 3:30 p.m.

**Councilman Boylan** - welcomed all, and introduction were made.

He discussed the intent of the meeting is to discuss his candidacy for Council Vice-President and to offer his priorities. He is staying in the race because he believes he is the best candidate, and having bonafide competition is an opportunity for the first-year council members to understand how the process should work. He firmly believes that putting people over party is how the work should be approached and he is principled with respect to his service as a Republican – which has been questioned. He has demonstrated and has been a good soldier for each Council President and has always delivered. In asking for support for his candidacy, he sees as his vision/role: 1) serve and support the President, 2) work with public works to have a voice in the CIP creation process to be district dedicated, 3) take a look at the prospect of creating a Video News Release recapping & showcasing what happened in committees and council meetings, and 4) Primary Facilities work will be front and center and he is best versed to have a role in that process having attended most of the working group meetings. He would like all to consider the difficult question of who is best qualified, as CM Carrico is relatively new to this process and why not CM Boylan and why CM Carrico because the qualifications are pretty stark in terms of abilities and reputation. He welcomes vocal support as he is not passing out pledge forms.

**CM Clark-Murray** asked why he did not run for Council President? CM Boylan stated that he did not want to disrespect CVP White as his public service record cannot be competed with and has come to respect his leadership style.

**CM Howland** stated that he pledged for CM Carrico, but it doesn’t diminish his respect for CM Boylan and commands him for all the great work he has done.

**CM Carlucci** offered that he supports CM Boylan as he will bring some change to the council to change the culture back to where it should be and believes that there should be competition now.

**CM Johnson** stated that he has not made his decision and sees the work done as honorable and not difficult and is currently looking at accomplishments and how pragmatic each candidate is, and he is emboldened to work towards ensuring that this council reflects diversity to create a legacy of change and to have opportunities to reach across the aisle as party does not matter.

**CM Boylan** appreciates all taking the time to listen and no matter the outcome, he will continue to be who he is with his council priorities.

Meeting adjourned at 4:05 pm

**Minutes:** Sonia Johnson – completed on March 13, 2024

**Attached:** Sign-in sheet

MTB/sj

cc: Council Members and Staff

Margaret “Peggy” Sidman, Director/Council Secretary

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