

The Wicomico County Council met in a Special Legislative Session on Monday, July 29, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. in Council Chambers, Government Office Building, Salisbury, Maryland.

In attendance: John T. Cannon, President; Larry Dodd, Vice President; Ernest F. Davis, Joe Holloway, William R. McCain, and Josh Hastings.

Present: Laura Hurley, Council Administrator.

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Resolution No. 103-2019 – Appointing a Nominee to the Wicomico County Council District 2 Seat Currently Vacant. Mrs. Hurley said this is an unusual situation where Council does not have the option of disapproving the Resolution. She said, as Council knows, the Charter requires the Central Committee to submit four qualified names to Council for consideration, which they have done, and it is now Council's obligation to appoint one of the nominees by a majority vote of the remaining Councilmembers. She said this Resolution was introduced at the July 16 Council Meeting, but it failed as a result of a tie vote on the names put forth at that meeting as there were some concerns regarding residency requirements. She said, since the July 16 Council Meeting, Mr. Austin Whitehead has withdrawn his application, and the Central Committee has submitted the name of Mr. Mark McIver as a new nominee. She said Resolution No. 103-2019 can be addressed again, including reconsideration of the motions that failed at the prior meeting. She said, upon approval of a motion to reconsider or to renew, then the subject matter of a formal motion can be taken up again.

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Mr. Cannon said in order to move forward they have to have an amendment to the Resolution, to which Mrs. Hurley confirmed, that is correct, and right now they have to insert the name on the Resolution. Mr. Hastings asked if they need a motion to reconsider, to which Mr. Cannon responded, they already brought the Resolution back, but now they need to formally amend the Resolution so that a name is placed in the Resolution for approval. Mr. Dodd said he talked to a lot of leaders in the District, Mardela, Sharptown, the West Side, and a lot of people throughout the County, and they want Council to make sure they get somebody appointed today. He said many of the conversations he had were in support of Mr. Collins, so he thinks he may be a good nominee for this appointment.

Mr. Dodd made a motion to nominate Mr. Joe Collins, which was seconded by Mr. Holloway, but opposed by Mr. Hastings, Mr. McCain, Mr. Davis, and Mr. Cannon. The motion failed.

Mr. Hastings made a motion to nominate Nicole Acle, which was seconded by Mr. Dodd.

On motion by Mr. Hastings, and seconded by Mr. Dodd, Resolution No. 103-2019 was unanimously approved as amended.

Mr. Cannon said he would like to thank the Republican Central Committee for putting the names forward and taking the time to do such. He said he would also like to thank the nominees who came forward to put their name in the hat to be appointed. He congratulated Mrs. Acle, and said Mrs. Hurley will contact her to give her any further information as to where they will go from here.

Public Comments:

There were no public comments.

Council Comments:

Mr. Dodd said he would like to thank everybody who was involved in this process, all the phone calls that were made, and all the people who were interested in this position. He said it is really a tough decision to make, and he thinks it would have been better off if they had an election and let the District make their decision instead of six Councilmembers.


Mr. McCain congratulated Mrs. Acle, and said they look forward to her being on the Council.

Mr. Hastings also congratulated Mrs. Acle, and said the primary election is less than nine months away for anyone wanting to run. He said, until then, they are glad to have Mrs. Acle.

Council President Comments:

Mr. Cannon again thanked the Central Committee, and congratulated Mrs. Acle. He said he is glad to see they had a unanimous vote. He said it took a while to get there, but there were, obviously, some complications before, which they had to separate out. He said he explained before that there were a lot of last minute legal concerns that Council had. He said, with that having been done, things go the way they do, and he thinks they have a good choice, and they are looking forward to the next year.

There being no further business, on motion by Mr. Dodd, seconded by Mr. Davis, and unanimously approved, the Special Legislative Session was adjourned.

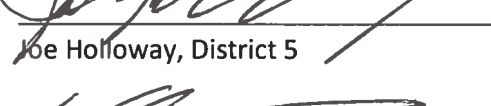


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Larry W. Dodd, Vice President, District 3

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