

**Tooele City Council  
Work Session Meeting Minutes**

**Date:** Wednesday, January 6, 2021

**Time:** 5:00 p.m.

**Place:** Tooele City Hall, Council Chambers  
90 North Main Street, Tooele, Utah

**City Council Members Present:**

Tony Graf

Melodi Gochis

Ed Hansen

Justin Brady

**City Employees Present:**

Mayor Debbie Winn

Jim Bolser, Community Development Director

Darwin Cook, Parks and Recreation Director

Roger Baker, City Attorney

Paul Hansen, City Engineer

Michelle Pitt, City Recorder

Cylee Pressley, Deputy City Recorder

Minutes prepared by Kelly Odermott

Chairman Hansen called the meeting to order at 5:01 p.m.

**1. Open City Council Meeting**

**2. Roll Call**

Tony Graf, Present

Melodi Gochis, Present

Ed Hansen, Present

Justin Brady, Present

**3. Mayor's Report**

Mayor Winn stated this is an exciting evening and an exciting time of year, there is a new Governor sworn in, a new form of government for Tooele County with new Council members sworn in. Eight years ago she was given the same opportunity the candidates have tonight and she is thrilled to see so many candidates. It is an exciting way to serve the community. She wished the candidates and Council good luck during the evening.

Council Member Brady made the following statement.

Council Member Brady stated that in order to remain transparent, he disclosed that he is related to Maresa Manzione and she is his aunt through marriage. He has discussed the issue with the City Attorney, Roger Baker and the City nepotism policy and Utah State Code 52.53-1. It was determined that Council Member Brady is fully able to participate and not required to recuse himself from the process. He will remain objective and impartial and his decision in his decision making and will vote on the merits and qualifications of the applicant.

#### **4. Interview Applicants for Vacancy on City Council**

Each applicant was allowed a 30 second introduction. Then each Council Member asked a question, in which the applicants were allowed 1 minute to respond to each question. All questions were the same for each applicant.

Applicants interviewed were:

Nicholas Caldwell  
Jeff Saunders  
Ashley Bowden  
Douglas Redmond  
Jon Gossett  
John Cluff  
Maresa Manzione  
Melven Sweat  
Jamie Gross  
Sarah Patino  
Matt Robinson  
Stephanie Bothell  
Virginia Hooper  
Dave McCall  
Thomas Fenton  
Raja Ratnayake

Chairman Hansen announced a 10 minute break for the Council Members.

Chairman Hansen called the meeting back to order at 6:46pm

#### **5. Vote on City Council Appointment**

The first round of voting for candidates was as follows;

Council Member Brady, Maresa Manzione and Matt Robinson

Council Member Gochis, Maresa Manzione, and Matt Robinson  
Council Member Graf, Matt Robinson and Jamie Gross  
Chairman Hansen, Matt Robinson and Jon Gossett

Ms. Pitt stated that the top two candidates from the vote were Maresa Manzione with two votes and Matt Robinson with four votes.

The second round of voting for the candidates was as follows;  
Council Member Brady; Maresa Manzione  
Council Member Gochis, Maresa Manzione  
Council Member Graf, Matt Robinson  
Chairman Hansen, Matt Robinson

With the tie, the Council decided to have the top two candidates draw a card from a card deck.

Ms. Manzione drew a queen of spades. Mr. Robinson pulled a nine.

The new Council Member was named Maresa Manzione.

**6. Closed Meeting**

The closed meeting was cancelled.

**7. Adjourn**

**Chairman Hansen adjourned the public meeting at 6:54pm.**

*The content of the minutes is not intended, nor are they submitted, as a verbatim transcription of the meeting. These minutes are a brief overview of what occurred at the meeting.*

Approved this 20<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2021

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Ed Hansen, Tooele City Council Chair