

**WARREN CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING
JUNE 14, 2021 – 6:30 PM**

OPENING OF MEETING

Mayor Cashman presided over the June 14, 2021, special meeting of Warren City Council in Council Chambers of the Municipal Building and opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Members present and responding to roll call were: Mayor Maurice Cashman, Gregory Fraser, Paul Giannini (via Zoom), Philip Gilbert, Douglas Hearn, and John Wortman. Members of City Staff present were Nancy Freenock, City Manager (via Zoom); Teena Leary, Assistant City Clerk; and Andrea Stapleford, City Solicitor.

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS

Mayor Cashman welcomed all visitors. Present were:

- Wendy McCain: Observing
- Josh Cotton: Times Observer Reporter
- Brian Hagberg: Your Daily Local

APPOINTMENT TO FULFILL A PORTION OF THE TERM OF A VACATED COUNCIL SEAT

Mayor Cashman stated that the purpose of the meeting was to select an applicant to fulfill a portion of the term vacated by Christian Zavinski. In accord with the Home Rule Charter, the appointee will serve until December 31, 2021. The remainder of the term (January 3, 2022, through December 31, 2023) will be served by an individual elected at the General Election in November, 2021.

Mayor Cashman outlined the order of the selection process (per past practice) as follows:

1. Each applicant to be given the opportunity to make a statement to Council;
2. Council members to be given the opportunity to pose questions to the candidates;
3. Floor opened for nominations with no second to the nomination required; and
4. A roll call vote to be taken with the applicant receiving the requisite minimum of four votes to be named to fulfill Mr. Zavinski's term through December 31, 2021.

Applicants Kimberly Exley and Newkirk Johnson addressed Council with each stating their purpose for seeking appointment as an interim Council member and outlining their qualifications to serve. Following questions from Council members, Mayor Cashman opened the floor for nominations.

Mr. Gilbert nominated Kimberly Exley for appointment to the vacant seat. There being no further nominations, a roll call vote was taken and all seated Council members (six) voted in favor of Ms. Exley's appointment. The Oath of Office will be administered to Ms. Exley at the June 21, 2021, regular meeting of Council and she will serve as an interim Council member through December 31, 2021.

FLAG DAY CEREMONY

Mayor Cashman stated that he participated in a Flag Day ceremony at Warren General Hospital on this date. He noted that three new flag poles have been installed at the Hospital and will bear the flags of the United States, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and the City of Warren. Insofar as it can be determined, this is the first time that the flag of the City of Warren has been flown in an outdoor setting.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before Council, Mayor Cashman declared the meeting adjourned.