

**SPECIAL CALLED MEETING
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NASHVILLE
COUNTY OF BERRIEN
OCTOBER 5, 2021
5:30 P.M.**

WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Pro-tem John Clayton

ROLL CALL: Members of the City Council present included Mayor Pro-tem John Clayton, Aldermen Scott Stalnaker, Billy Retterbush, Walt Steward, Eric Gaither.

STAFF PRESENT: Peter Schultz, Jackie Jordan, Mitchell Moore

NEW BUSINESS:

A special called meeting was held to adopt a Resolution requesting a Special Election to fill the vacancy due to Mayor Taylor Scarbrough's resignation effective September 29, 2021.

Attorney Moore explained under the terms of suspension of Governor Kemp's March 18, 2021 Executive Order, no further action was required by the Governor's office upon Taylor Scarbrough's conviction on September 29, 2021; however, Taylor Scarbrough tendered his resignation effective midnight on September 29, 2021. The purpose of the Resolution is to authorize the Board of Elections to take all action necessary to call a Special Election to fill the vacancy. Mr. Moore further explained the Resolution provides two (2) dates, March 15, 2022 or May 24, 2022, which is the General Primary and will likely have a better turnout however the General Primary date of May 24, 2022 may be postponed due to the 2020 census and its impact upon redistricting but the date does not have to be decided at this time.

Mayor Pro-tem John Clayton read the Resolution aloud, "A Resolution authorizing a Special Election to fill the unexpired term of Mayor Taylor Scarbrough Whereas, Mayor Taylor Scarbrough resigned as Mayor of the City of Nashville via email effective midnight September 29, 2021 and; Whereas, Taylor Scarbrough's resignation was duly acknowledged and accepted by City Attorney Mitchell O. Moore and Mayor Pro-tem John Clayton via email the 30th day of September, 2021. Whereas, the Council pursuant to Charter provision 2-5 hereby acknowledges, accepts, ratifies, approves and affirms the resignation of Mayor Taylor Scarbrough effective midnight the 29th day of September, 2021. Whereas, Mayor Taylor Scarbrough's unexpired term extends through December 31, 2023 and; Whereas, a Special Election must be held to fill the unexpired term of Mayor Taylor Scarbrough and; Whereas, the Berrien County Board of Elections and Registration (the Board) is the Superintendent of Elections for the City of Nashville and must take certain necessary actions as required by law to call a Special Election which shall be held on the third (3rd) Tuesday in March, March 15, 2022 or on May 24, 2022, in conjunction with the General Primary as provided by law; Now, therefore, it is hereby resolved, that the Berrien County Board of Elections and Registration and/or its designated agents are hereby authorized and directed to take all action

necessary to call a Special Election to occur on March 15, 2022, or May 24, 2022 as directed by the Mayor and Council and to take all action the Board deems necessary including but not limited to the publication of the necessary notices calling for said election, the qualifying of candidates for such election and all other actions required by Georgia Law in order to conduct said Special Election on the date determined by the Mayor and Council.”

A motion was made by Billy Retterbush to approve and adopt the Resolution [Resolution #R-18-21]. Scott Stalnaker seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT:

Scott Stalnaker made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:45 p.m. Walt Steward seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

October 5, 2021

Mayor Pro-Tem John Clayton

Alderman Scott Stalnaker

Alderman Antonio Carter

Alderman Billy Retterbush

Alderman Walt Steward

Alderman Eric Gaither

ATTEST:

Jackie Jordan, City Clerk