

**WORK SESSION  
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NASHVILLE  
COUNTY OF BERRIEN  
FEBRUARY 14, 2022  
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, Councilmen Antonio Carter, Eric Gaither, Rodrick Smith, Shane Willis and Councilwoman Amy Garner

**STAFF PRESENT:** Diane Westberry, Peter Schultz, Jackie Jordan, Police Chief Edwards, Tim Tanner

**Others involved in meeting:** Keith Stone, Guthrie Groh

Work Session to discuss nominees for the Nashville Historic Preservation Commission (NHPC), the “Commission”:

*Jeff Wilson and Michael Acree were removed from the Commission in the January 24, 2022 Council meeting. This left three (3) members: Keith Stone, Guthrie Groh and Theodore Herrera.*

Eric Gaither said he wanted to nominate Jessica Willis to the Commission.

Mayor pro-tem Clayton asked if that would be a possible conflict of interest since she is married to Councilman Shane Willis.

Keith Stone said he did not think there is anything in the code about it but in the event there is an appeal to the Council regarding a Certificate of Appropriateness (COA), it might be best for Mr. Willis to abstain from voting on the issue. Shane Willis said he would not have a problem to abstain from voting in such a situation.

Antonio Carter said he had some people interested but they did not want to go through training and then be removed if there are new Council members that do not want them on the Commission and suggested when the Council nominates new members to let them serve the full term without kicking them off before their term ended due to the training, time and costs involved.

Keith Stone and Guthrie Groh said Chastle Hammond had expressed an interest in serving on the Commission but had not yet submitted the application.

Guthrie Groh mentioned it would be helpful to have someone with a construction background since Jeff Wilson had a construction background but had been removed.

Eric Gaither suggested Gregg Ray due to his background and since he owns a business in Nashville although he does not live inside the City limits. Mayor pro-tem Clayton said he did not have a problem with Gregg Ray but thought it best to try to fill the vacancies with people who reside within the City limits before nominating someone residing in the County outside the City limits. Eric Gaither mentioned running an advertisement to fill the vacancy if they did not have another nomination of someone residing within the City

limits. Lester Ross' name was mentioned due to his background and Rodrick Smith said he would reach out to Mr. Ross to see if he is interested.

There was a brief discussion regarding the number of members for the Commission being five (5) and there are already three (3) so the consensus was to ask Jessica Willis and Lester Ross leaving Chastle Hammond as an alternate if either Willis or Ross were not interested.

### ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 5:47 p.m.  
*February 14, 2022.*

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Mayor Pro-Tem John Clayton

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Councilman Antonio Carter

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Councilman Eric Gaither

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Councilwoman Amy Garner

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Councilman Rodrick Smith

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Councilman Shane Willis

**ATTEST:**

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Jackie Jordan, City Clerk