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COUNCIL COMMITTEE ITEM SUMMARY REPORT

MEETING DATE: FEBRUARY 16, 2021
TO: CITY COUNCIL CANDIDATES
FROM: CITY COUNCIL APPOINTMENT AD HOC COMMITTEE
AGENDA ITEM TITLE: Candidate Statements and Questions

The City Council has scheduled a Special Meeting for February 16, 2021 at 5:30pm to conduct interviews for the vacant City Council seat and to consider appointment of a new City Councilmember. The City Council Appointment Ad Hoc Committee was tasked by the full Council to develop five questions that would be asked of each candidate.

At the February 16, 2021 Special Meeting, each Candidate will be allowed up to five (5) minutes to make a statement about themselves. The statement may include how long the candidate has lived in Fort Bragg and their ties to the community; where the candidate is from originally (if applicable); career and work history; education; special interests including hobbies or distinct talents; and why the candidate is interested in serving on the City Council.

Every candidate will be asked the following questions, in a random order, and allowed up to one and a half minutes (90 seconds) to answer.

1. What previous job experience or skill set do you have that you think would benefit the City Council if you are appointed?
2. What do you think are the top three (3) issues confronting the current City Council? And have you attended any recent Council meetings to learn what's current?
3. Let's say the entire Mill Site south of Redwood is suddenly bought up by, for example, a Walmart Superstore, Disneyland, or to serve as an Amazon warehouse... What do you think your role will be as a City Councilmember from that point forward?
4. Explain the pros and cons of our current Council Committee system as you understand it. Which committees are you interested in serving on, and why?
5. How do you think other people see you?

After the pre-set questions are asked and answered, each City Councilmember will have an opportunity to ask a few followup questions of all candidates or of a specific candidate. The expectation is that these questions and answers will be brief to clarify points raised in the application materials, the candidate statement or in answers to the pre-set questions.

Finally, prior to and during the meeting, the City Clerk will gather potential questions from the members of the public through email to jlemos@fortbragg.com. The proposed public questions will be provided to the City Council Appointment Ad Hoc Committee during a brief break from the meeting and the Ad Hoc Committee will select approximately three questions to pose to all of the candidates. Candidates will be allowed up to one and a half minutes (90 seconds) to respond.

The public questions will be followed by public comment, which will be limited to one and a half minutes (90 seconds) for each individual member of the public.

The City Council will then have an opportunity to deliberate in public and discuss the candidates and possible nominations. City Council members may nominate a candidate and, subject to a second nomination, a roll call vote will be taken. The successful candidate must receive at least three of the four Councilmember affirmative votes.

While the City Council anticipates that the above process will be completed during the special meeting on February 16th, Thursday February 18th at 6:00pm has been reserved for a continuation of this special meeting, if needed.