

CITY OF LEXINGTON
SPECIAL WORKSHOP MINUTES
Thursday, November 7, 2019
Immediately following Council meeting
City Hall

1. **Call to Order:** Mayor Murphy
2. **Roll Call:** DeVries - Harris – Hughes

Mayor Murphy called to order the special workshop for November 7, 2019 at 9:03 p.m. Councilmember's present: Devries, Harris, and Hughes. Also Present: Bill Petracek, City Administrator; Kurt Glaser, City Attorney; Chris Galiov, Finance Director.

3. Discussion Items:

- A. Discuss filling the open City Councilmember seat.

Mayor Murphy stated he wants to have a fair and open process to fill the open seat on the City Council. Petracek stated that in the past the Park Board and Planning & Zoning Board have interviewed candidates following a recruitment process, and then made recommendations to the City Council for approval. Discussion ensued.

The City Council recommended placing a notice on Facebook, Government Access Channel, etc. to accept applications for the open City Council seat.

The process would be to:

1. *Place an ad for the position and close the application process on November 27th*
2. *Discuss the applications and interview candidates at a special workshop to be held following the December 1st City Council meeting.*
3. *Approve the new City Councilmember at the December 19th Regular Council meeting.*
4. *Swear in the new member at the January 1st meeting.*
5. *Send the new Councilmember to the newly elected official's workshop.*

- B. Recap of Lexington Lofts Development Process – Councilmember Harris

Councilmember Harris asked to have this item placed on the agenda for discussion.

Mayor Murphy asked Councilmember Hughes why he voted against the Lexington Lofts. Councilmember Hughes stated that Lexington has turned down a fifth story on the Ephesians

project, and if the City approves the fifth story for Lexington Lofts, it would set a precedent for the second phase of Ephesians. He added if they scaled it back to 4-stories and provided a little more set-back, he would be more supportive. Discussion ensued.

4. Staff Input

No Staff Input.

6. Council Input

Councilmember Hughes discussed a stop sign on South Highway Drive at Griggs that is obstructed by trees. Discussion ensued.

7. Adjourn

Councilmember Hughes made a motion to adjourn at 9:40 p.m. Councilmember Devries seconded it. Motion carried 4-0.