

**CITY OF NORTHWEST  
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING  
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2024  
6:30 PM**

**ASSEMBLY**

The Northwest City Council held a special council meeting on Tuesday, September 17, 2024, at 6:30 PM, at Northwest City Hall, 4889 Vernon Road.

Present: Sheila Grady, Mayor; Councilmen: Charles Carroll, Michael Troy, Sylvester Ballard, and Councilwoman Krystal Bowen.

Absent: Councilwoman Alexis Clemmons.

Also present: Donna Strickland, City Clerk

**CALL TO ORDER & INVOCATION**

Mayor Grady called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM.

Councilman Sylvester Ballard gave the invocation.

**PERSONNEL**

Councilman Charles Carroll **MOVED, SECONDED** by Councilman Sylvester Ballard to go into closed session to discuss personnel items at 6:31 PM. The **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**.

**1. DORIS BALLARD**

Mayor Grady stated that she and City Clerk, Donna Strickland, interviewed Ms. Ballard on September 13th. She also stated that herself, Mrs. Strickland and Councilwoman Clemmons interviewed another candidate for the same position and felt Ms. Ballard was a better fit for the position.

Mayor Grady stated that after careful consideration they are asking Council to hire Ms. Ballard. She stated that if the Council hires Ms. Ballard she will be sworn in at the September 24<sup>th</sup> Council meeting at \$16.19 per hour and after successfully completing her six(6) month probation will receive a 5% increase which will make her pay \$17.00 an hour. She also stated that Ms. Ballard will be going to UNC School of Government to become certified as a clerk. Lastly, Mayor Grady stated that Gwen Spicer will be continuing at the City to help train Ms. Ballard for a period of six(6) months or earlier if she finishes training Ms. Ballard on the Laserfich system.

Councilman Sylvester Ballard **MOVED, SECONDED** by Councilman Charles Carroll to hire Doris Ballard as the City of Northwest Deputy City Clerk. The **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**.

**2. Aflac**

City Clerk, Donna Strickland, stated that an Aflac representative will be coming to City Hall on Thursday, if anyone is interested in speaking with her let her know.

**3. Officer Bullock**

Mayor Grady stated that Officer Bullock has turned in his resignation.

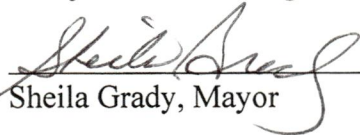
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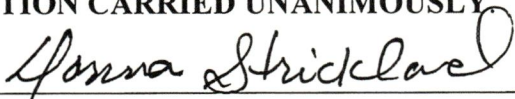
Councilman Charles Carroll **MOVED, SECONDED** by Councilman Sylvester Ballard to accept Officer Bullock's resignation letter. The **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**.

Councilman Charles Carroll **MOVED, SECONDED** by Councilman Sylvester Ballard to come out of closed session at 6:57 PM. The **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Councilman Charles Carroll **MOVED, SECONDED** by Councilwoman Krystal Bowen to adjourn the meeting at 6:58 PM. The **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**.

  
Sheila Grady, Mayor

  
Donna Strickland, City Clerk