

**CITY OF CLAIRTON**  
**SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL MEETING**  
**MONDAY, NOVEMBER 23<sup>RD</sup>, 2020**  
**5:00 P.M.**

**Call to Order** – meeting was called to order by Mayor Richard L. Lattanzi who asked everyone to please stand for the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silent prayer.

**Roll Call:**

Councilman Richard Ford – Present

Councilwoman Denise Johnson Clemmons – Present

Deputy Mayor Tony Kurta – Present

Councilwoman Lee Lasich – Present

Mayor Richard L. Lattanzi – Present

Also present: Deron Gabriel, Solicitor

**RESIDENT COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS**  
**OPPORTUNITY FOR RESIDENTS TO ADDRESS COUNCIL ON**  
**AGENDA ITEMS ONLY:**

Patrick Thornton – has volunteered for many years as the Deputy Emergency Management Coordinator and feels he has done a good job.

James Cerqua – question as to who selects the CMA Board members as it is not the CMA and in regards to a forensic audit of the CMA, would the City allow to be audited also.

Jhohnie Perryman – How do you get nominated to be on the Board of the CMA? Tried to get on the conference call for the previous meeting but his smart phone would not allow him to do so and he has extensive experience in negotiating contracts, should the sewage plant be sold.

Douglas Ozvath – in regards to the forensic audit, the CMA is audited each year and the upstream communities have also audited. Can't find any rules that would allow the audit.

Joseph Lazur – against removing Pat Thornton as he has over thirty years' experience and there is no one in Clairton who is qualified to replace him and there is continual training required for the position.

Del Peterson – supports Pat Thornton. He has done various training programs over the years both here in Clairton and around the region. Would also like to be nominated to the CMA Board.

Jackie Wade – Questions that #1 on the agenda is to fill a vacancy of the CMA Board and that on agenda item #2, the person would not be able to vote? CMA seems to be doing a good job, so why change things now.

Donald Nevills – interested in being nominated to the CMA Board.

Sue Vigilotti – Who is going to replace Pat Thornton? As far as forensic audit, she will not sign a check at the CMA if it is not appropriate. Residents are going to end up paying for both the City and the CMA attorneys in this situation.

John Vitullo – CMA is good group of people and the settlement agreement provided for a Project Manager to oversee or monitor phase 2 of the plant expansion.

Judy Anderson – Why would you replace Pat Thornton without having replacement in mind. Should have been making plans as to who was going to replace him.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Motion by Councilman Ford, seconded by Councilwoman Lasich to accept nominations for a voting member on the Board of the Clairton Municipal Authority. **All in favor – 5-0**

The following individuals were nominated:

Latavia Law

Delwyn Peterson

Don Nevills

Jjohnie Perryman

Leonard Robinson

Robert Johnson

2. Motion by Councilman Ford, seconded by Councilwoman Lasich to accept nominations for a Non-Voting, Ex-Officio Member to the Board of the Clairton Municipal Authority pursuant to the Home Rule Charter of the City of Clairton. **All in favor – 5-0**

The following individual was nominated:

Richard L. Lattanzi

3. Consider a motion removing Patrick Thornton as the Deputy Emergency Management Coordinator.

Motion by Councilwoman Lasich, seconded by Councilman Ford to Table the motion. **Motion approved 4-1**

Councilman Ford – Yes to table

Councilwoman Johnson-Clemmons – No to table

Deputy Mayor Kurta – Yes to table

Councilwoman Lasich – Yes to table


Mayor Lattanzi – Yes to table

4. Motion by Mayor Lattanzi, seconded by Councilwoman Lasich to authorize the City Manager to solicit proposals from qualified individuals or firms to perform a forensic audit of the Clairton Municipal Authority.  
**All in favor – 5-0**

**Adjournment:**

Motion by Councilman Ford, seconded by Councilwoman Lasich to adjourn the meeting. **All in favor – 5-0**

**Meeting adjourned at 5:50 p.m.**

  
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**Howard J. Bednar**  
City Manager / Finance Director

  
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**Richard L. Lattanzi, Mayor**

