

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL BENTON HARBOR CITY COMMISSION MEETING  
LULA LEE COMMISSION CHAMBERS  
FEBRUARY 29, 2016**

The special meeting of the Benton Harbor City Commission was called to order by Mayor Pro-Tem Seats at 7:05 p.m. Invocation was given by Sharon Henderson, which was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll call showed the following members present: Commissioners Adams, Haralson, Henderson, Henry and Mayor Pro-Tem Seats. Members Absent: Commissioner Jones and Mayor Muhammad. Also present: City Manager Watson and City Clerk Thompson.

**CITIZENS' COMMENTS**

Michael Hoyh, President of the Benton Harbor Historical Preservation Society, encouraged everyone to contribute to the facebook page showcasing the history of Benton Harbor.

**INTERVIEW**

The City Commission interviewed candidate, Edward Isom, interested in filling the Commissioner-At-Large vacancy.

After the interview, City Clerk Thompson announced that Edward Isom received a score of 438.

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

**The following Consent Calendar item was presented by City Manager Watson, moved by Commissioner Adams and supported by Commissioner Haralson carried unanimously on the roll call vote.**

**RESOLUTIONS:**

**ADOPT A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE APPOINTMENT OF COMMISSIONER-AT-LARGE (EDWARD ISOM)**

Edward Isom thanked everyone for their support and opportunity to serve.

**COMMUNICATIONS**

Commissioner Henry requested the reinstatement of the Compensation Committee.

City Manager Watson stated that tonight's action will go forward to the Receivership Transition Advisory Board (RTAB) for affirmation at the March 8<sup>th</sup> meeting.

City Clerk Thompson informed Commissioner Henry that she's been working on the reinstatement of the Compensation Committee and will give an update at the Legislative Committee meeting in March.

### **COMMISSION COMMENTS**

Commissioner Haralson thanked everyone for attending tonight's meeting and congratulated Mr. Isom on his appointment.

Commissioner Henry thanked everyone for attending tonight's meeting and expressed appreciation for having a full City Commission. She encouraged citizens to get involved.

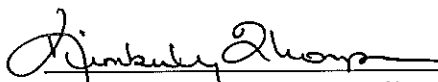
Commissioner Henderson thanked everyone for attending tonight's meeting and Mr. Isom for his willingness to serve.

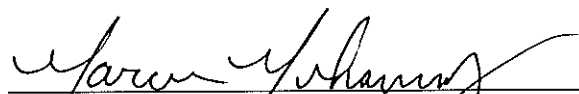
Commissioner Adams thanked residents for attending tonight's meeting and congratulated Mr. Isom on his appointment.

Mayor Pro-Tem Seats thanked everyone for attending tonight's meeting and commended Mr. Isom for his efforts. He announced that things such as potholes, the sewer system and water mains are being looked at throughout the City to better the services of the people. He said that policemen will be riding bicycles in the summer to build better relationships with citizens. He spoke highly of Pastor Emery Mack Varrie and said that his passing is a great loss to the community.

### **MOTION TO ADJOURN**

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

  
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Kimberly Thompson, City Clerk

  
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Marcus Muhammad, Mayor