



March 10, 2021

Special/Executive Session City Council Meeting (Via Zoom)
Willamette Activity Center Room 8
47674 School Street
6:30 p.m.

MINUTES

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER- 6:30 pm

Council Present: Mayor Kathy Holston, Councilors Bobbie Whitney Dawn Kinyon, Michele Coker, Melissa Bjarnson, Audy Spliethof and Chrissy Hollett

Staff Present: City Administrator Bryan Cutchen, Finance Director Eric Kytola, Police Chief Kevin Martin

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Roll Call – All council present

4. Public Comment

In person

Joy Kingsbury 47726 Fairy Glen- she urges the council to go to Bryan for advice and she encourages them to renew the contract,

Robert Stewart 76566 Meadow Way- Thanked Mayor Holston, he believes in Bryan and is in favor of renewing his contract.

Valeri Miller 47747 Portal Drive- is speaking as a citizen, she like to see Bryans contract renewed, it's time to move forward and he has a plan to do that. We are in a crisis situation right now.

Ryan Lee 47747 Portal Drive- he has confidence in Bryan, it doesn't make sense to get rid of Bryan.

Eric Higdon 48401 Sunny Nook- encouraged the council to renew Bryan's contract, leadership through a difficult year is needed.

Video Comments-

Trudy Hammond 47752 Berry Street- She was impressed with Bryan at the meet and greet, He solidified relationships. Now she feels she is met with rudeness and abandonment.

Lynda Kamerrer 48175 E 1st Street- was surprised to hear the news of a possible non- renewal of contract. She spoke in favor of renewing Bryan's contract.

Gary Carl 48175 E 1st Street- Bryan is the most capable City Administrator we have had in over 30 years. He is in favor of renewing his contract.

Mikal McPherson 47602 Paddock Lane- she assisted in Bryan's background check before he was hired, as she spoke to his references she was excited, we are so blessed to have Bryan. He wears many hats as you all know, you were elected to care for our community.

Sue Cathcart 76589 View Court- supports the renewal of the contract for Bryan.

Eugene Cathcart 76589 View Court- thanked the Mayor and Council. He supports the renewal of the contract, he is thankful for always getting prompt replies.

Eric Kytola Eugene- he is the city Finance Director, he supports the renewal of the contract. Bryan has integrity, is unbiased, gathers facts, is professional and he guarantees he has no personal agenda.

Sarah Altemus-Pope 48121 Commercial- she is a volunteer, Partner and attorney for a non- profit. She was really surprised about hearing about not renewing this contract. She always gets a response back from Bryan. Bryan is someone we can trust.

Rusty Ackland 48265 Commercial- she is speaking as a citizen, she agrees with everyone, Bryan is good for the city. She sees him out working with other volunteers. We need to consider what we have, she is shocked to hear his contract might not be renewed, you are here for the community.

In Person-

Cameron Anderson 47619 Riverview St- She supports Bryan, she has had extremely good response time, and he is none biased.

Video-

Michael Garvin 47840 Westoak Rd-he is a business owner in Oakridge, he supports Bryan as City Administrator. Bryan is easy to get a hold of. This is not a hole that he dug, it is a bad time to think about a change.

Ariel Ruben, Oregon RAIN – she felt very welcomed by Oakridge, by Bryan and Mayor Holston. They support the contract renewal.

Mayor Holston read letters- (attached)

Georgene Samuelsson- In support of renewal of contract

Chris Harder- - In support of renewal of contract

Leo Robb-- In support of renewal of contract

Jackie Sims-- In support of renewal of contract

Ken Nelson-- In support of renewal of contract

Kim Allen- Opposes renewal of contract

5. Mayor Comments

Mayor Holston- thanked everyone for their comments. She wanted to address accusations by a councilor who accused her of violating the rules of executive session. The issue at hand is the renewal of City Administrators contract. Often when there are difficult conversations we try to deflect them by introducing a different topic. It is public record that they had an executive session regarding his contract.

Councilor Whitney- will there be open discussion on this?

Mayor Holston- that will be up to the consensus of the council after executive session.

Mayor Holston- explained the process of tonight's meeting.

6. Council Comments

Councilor Whitney- as a councilor she was a part of the hiring committee, he has been a fantastic City Administrator and has worked very hard under very difficult circumstances. Half way through the public comments she kept hearing things like making tough decisions, grace, skills, strong decision maker, trustworthy, unbiased, gathers facts and information before making decisions and kindness. Overall he has done a fantastic job and she supports him.

7. Business from the City Council

7.1 Renewal of City Administrator Contract

Begin Executive Session 7:22 p.m.

ORS 192.660(2) (a) to consider the employment of a public officer, employee, staff member or individual agent.
ORS 192.660 (2)(l) To review and evaluate the employment-related performance of the Chief Executive Officer of any public body, a public officer, employee, or staff member who does not request an open hearing.

End Executive Session 9:44 p.m.

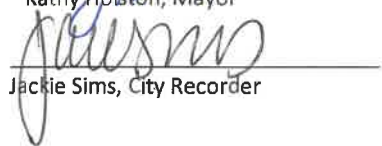
8. Public Comment-None

9. Adjourn 9:44 p.m.

Signed:


Kathy Holston, Mayor

Signed:


Jackie Sims, City Recorder