

Minutes

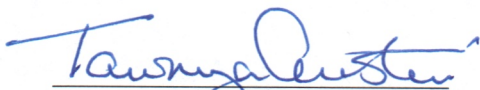
October 09th, 2020 @ 11:30 am

Special Council Meeting

1. Call to Order @ 11:30 am
2. Roll Call: Fladmark, M'Donald, Austin, Hamaker, Sestito and Harrison were present. Quorum was established with Mayor Austin presiding.
3. Convene into executive session pursuant to Texas Government Code Chapter 551 (2) sections:
 - a. Section 551.071, for consultation with the City Attorney @ 11:31 am
 - b. Section 551.074 to consider the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of the Chief of Police. Tommy Lawhon by way of legal representation made a request to have this discussion in open session.
4. Reconvene in open session and take any action necessary resulting from executive session
 - a. Section 551.071, for consultation with the City Attorney @ 11:54 am.
 - b. Section 551.074 to consider the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of the Chief of Police. Tommy Lawhon by way of legal representation made a request to have this discussion in open session. Council Member McDonald stated his desire to abstain from vote and discussion due to the limited time that he had to review the matter. Mayor Austin opened the conversation by recapping the situation that lead up to the administrative leave action against Mr. Lawhon. At this time Mr. Lawhon addressed Council denying any wrongdoing. Next to speak was Mr. Lawhon's legal Counsel Mr. Crawford who pled with Council to reconsider termination. After lengthy discussion back and forth between all parties Mayor Austin called for a motion. Council Member Fladmark motioned that effective today that Tommy be reinstated and upon his return (from vacation) he be docked one week's pay as disciplinary action seconded by Council Member Sestito. Motion passed 3/2 with Council Member Harrison opposed and Council Member McDonald abstained.
5. Consider and take action regarding leadership of the Police Department. No action taken.
6. Adjourn @ 1:34 pm.

Attest:

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Tawnya Austin, Mayor


Cindy Bray, City Secretary