

APPROVED MINUTES

The City Council held Special Council Meeting #1587 on Monday, October 4th, 2021, in the Council Chambers at City Hall to approve the Mayor's recommendation of Samuel Sikes as City Administrator.

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 6:15 pm by Mayor Peggy Williams.

The Pledge of Allegiance was completed, and Roll Call commenced. Present were Mayor Peggy Williams, Council President Zimmerman, Councilors Gary Beach, Rob Dufficy, Zachariah McNew, Kristin Smith, Hugh Taylor, City Administrator Jim Hammons, and City Clerk/Treasurer Samuel Sikes.

New Business:

Mayor Williams welcomed all and informed the Council that the New Business portion of the meeting has been changed to open. Samuel Sikes agreed, so long as the Council does not ask or disclose inappropriate information of a personnel nature that belongs in executive session. The Mayor spoke of Sikes's qualifications and to responses during the interview process.

Councilor Taylor questioned the legality of the meeting as it was posted and advertised as a closed meeting.

City Attorney Dean Chisholm voiced the opinion that the meeting was legal as there was public participation during the Public Comment portion of the meeting. DC Orr attempted to make comments that Chisholm denied as public comment was not accepted in this portion of the meeting.

Councilor Taylor voiced disagreement with the Mayor and Attorney's opinion and recused himself prior to departing council chambers.

Councilors Smith, Beach, and Council President Zimmerman supported the recommendation of Sikes. Councilor Dufficy stated that the position should be opened up, for the good of the city, to see who else is out there.

Councilor Smith **MADE A MOTION** to support the Mayor's recommendation of appointing Samuel Sikes as the City Administrator and Councilor Zimmerman **SECONDED**.

DC Orr, 1117 Nevada, proclaimed that the meeting was illegal by Article 2, Sections 8 and 9, of the code and voiced the opinion that the only ethical member of the Council had left. DC spoke to transparency and secret interviews that the public had no input into.

Mayor Williams stated that Attorney Chisholm had addressed any legal issues.

Councilors Beach, McNew, Smith, and Zimmerman voted **FOR**. Councilor Dufficy recused himself until Council members and the City Attorney pointed out that there was no standing for recusal whereas Councilor Dufficy voted **AGAINST**. Councilor Taylor was absent.

MOTION PASSED.

Adjournment:

Councilor Smith **MADE A MOTION** to adjourn, and Council President Zimmerman **SECONDED**.

Council President Zimmerman, Councilors Beach, Dufficy, McNew, and Smith voted **FOR**. Councilor Taylor was absent.

MOTION PASSED.

Mayor Williams adjourned the meeting at 6:28 pm.



Mayor Peggy Williams

Attest;



Clerk/Treasurer Samuel Sikes