

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COTTONWOOD, ARIZONA, HELD OCTOBER 6, 2009, AT 5:30 P.M., AT THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS BUILDING, 826 NORTH MAIN STREET, COTTONWOOD, ARIZONA.

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Mayor Joens called the special meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. Roll call was taken as follows:

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT

Diane Joens, Mayor
Karen Pfeifer, Vice Mayor
Tim Elinski, Council Member
Duane Kirby, Council Member
Linda Norman, Council Member
Terence Pratt, Council Member (arrived late)
Darold Smith, Council Member

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT

Marianne Jiménez, City Clerk
Jason Little, Recreation Superintendent
Steve Horton, City Attorney

RESOLUTION NUMBER 2475—APPOINTING YOUTH COMMISSION MEMBERS AND ESTABLISHING THEIR TERMS OF OFFICE (THE COUNCIL WILL INTERVIEW APPLICANTS FOR THE YOUTH COMMISSION PRIOR TO MAKING THE APPOINTMENTS)

Mr. Little stated the Council had been presented in their packets with the ten names that staff recommended be reappointed to the Youth Commission and with three names recommended for consideration to fill vacant places on the Youth Commission. A recommendation was also made for the non-voting adult member of the Commission. All members would serve a one year term. Recommendations were based on the point results of a blind weighted matrix prepared and scored on a very fair basis.

Mayra Garcia, Youth Commission President, stated the three new members which the Council was being asked to consider for appointments to the Commission had interviewed and were considered the best of the best.

Mayor Joens asked for a description of the process for choosing recommended applicants.

Miss Garcia stated there were 18 applicants. The applicants had had face-to-face interviews with the entire commission. They were asked five questions and a bonus question. Afterwards applications were reviewed using a point system. Everything was anonymous. Point totals were based on those given for verbal and written responses. The top three were selected to be recommended for appointment to the commission.

Council Member Elinski asked for further explanation on the anonymity portion.

Miss Garcia stated that applied to the written responses which were submitted without names since the applicants were known to the commission members.

Council Member Kirby stated he saw no reason not to accept the commission's recommendations.

The three new applicants, Andrew Hickey, Rachel Olsen, and John Cory Lawler, introduced themselves and spoke about why they wished to serve on the commission. Afterwards, applicants for re-appointment Zachary Romfo, Britney Lawler, Payton Cooke, Staci Hewitson, Tera Ponce, Chloe Kramer, and Spencer Midkiff introduced themselves.

Mayor Joens stated one of the main functions of the Youth Commission was to report back to the City Council. She could offer her colleagues that if you (the commission members) ever had anything that you need to speak with us about, or any suggestions you have for the youth in the community that you'd like to speak with us about, we were always available to you.

Vice Mayor Pfeifer and Council Member Smith expressed their satisfaction with the efforts and quality of character of the commission members.

Council Member Kirby moved to approve the reappointment of ten Youth Commissioners and Andree Hickey, John Cory Lawler, Rachel Olsen, and Brady Casson, adult representative, to serve a term of one year on the Cottonwood Youth Commission, expiring August 1, 2010. Council Member Norman seconded the motion.

Mayor Joens stated she wanted to make a comment on Brady Casson. She was very thrilled and excited about him being in the position of youth leader. She thanked Mr. Sandoval for doing a great job. Brady had been on the commission and he would be dynamite as a leader for the commission. She was very excited about that.

The motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

Council Member Smith moved to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Council Member Kirby. The special meeting adjourned at 5:47 p.m.