

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COTTONWOOD, ARIZONA, HELD JULY 10, 2012, AT 5:00 P.M., AT THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS BUILDING, 826 NORTH MAIN STREET, COTTONWOOD, ARIZONA.

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CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Mayor Joens called the special meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. Roll call was taken as follows:

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT

Diane Joens, Mayor  
Karen Pfeifer, Vice Mayor  
Jesse Dowling, Council Member  
Tim Elinski, Council Member  
Ruben Jauregui, Council Member  
Linda Norman, Council Member  
Terence Pratt, Council Member

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT

Marianne Jiménez, City Clerk  
Steve Horton, City Attorney

ANNUAL REVIEW OF THE CITY ATTORNEY – EXECUTIVE SESSION. PURSUANT TO A.R.S. § 38-431.03(A)(1), THE COUNCIL MAY VOTE TO CONVENE IN EXECUTIVE SESSION TO CONDUCT ITS ANNUAL PERFORMANCE EVALUATION OF THE CITY ATTORNEY, SUBJECT TO THE CITY ATTORNEY’S RIGHT TO COMPEL THE COUNCIL TO DISCUSS THIS MATTER IN OPEN MEETING

Mayor Jones asked Mr. Horton if he had received his letter regarding his review.

Mr. Horton indicated he had and that he wished to conduct his review under executive session.

Mayor Joens moved to convene into executive session. The motion was seconded by Council Member Pratt, and carried unanimously.

ANNUAL REVIEW OF THE CITY CLERK – EXECUTIVE SESSION. PURSUANT TO A.R.S. § 38-431.03(A)(1), THE COUNCIL MAY VOTE TO CONVENE IN EXECUTIVE SESSION TO CONDUCT ITS ANNUAL PERFORMANCE EVALUATION OF THE CITY CLERK, SUBJECT TO THE CITY CLERK’S RIGHT TO COMPEL THE COUNCIL TO DISCUSS THIS MATTER IN OPEN MEETING

The council continued with the City Clerk’s evaluation under executive session as requested by the City Clerk.

Council Member Pratt left during the City Clerk’s review under executive session, indicating he had an appointment at 6:30 p.m.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE LEGAL ACTION REGARDING THE CITY ATTORNEY'S EMPLOYMENT

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Following the performance review of the City Attorney and City Clerk under executive session, Council Member Elinski moved to reconvene into special session. The motion was seconded by Vice Mayor Pfeifer, and carried (Council Member Pratt left the meeting at approximately 6:15 p.m.)

Mayor Joens stated the council had to look at items number 4 and 6 on the agenda.

Mayor Joens then moved to give the City Clerk a six percent merit pay. The motion was seconded by Vice Mayor Pfeifer, and carried.

Mayor Joens moved to give City Attorney, Steve Horton, a six percent merit pay effective on the 16th day of August. The motion was seconded by Council Member Norman, and carried.

Mayor Joens questioned the City Clerk if they needed to specify a date for her merit pay increase, and Ms. Jiménez indicated they did.

Mayor Joens amended her motion to add retro to July 6. The amendment was seconded by Vice Mayor Pfeifer, and carried.

ADJOURNMENT

The special meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

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Diane Joens, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Marianne Jiménez, City Clerk

CERTIFICATION OF MINUTES

I hereby certify that the attached is a true and correct copy of the minutes of a special meeting of the City Council of the City of Cottonwood held on July 10, 2012. I further certify that the meeting was duly called, and that a quorum was present.

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Marianne Jiménez, City Clerk

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Date