

Minutes of the Special Meeting held July 14, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mayor Weise and Council Members

Frank Scott, Vice Mayor
David C. Iwanski
Stephanie Karlin
Bryan Kilgore
Jim McDonald
Charles Vierhout

ALSO PRESENT

David Fitzhugh, Acting City Manager
Gina Montes, Assistant City Manager
Kevin Artz, Acting Assistant City Manager
Andrew McGuire, City Attorney
Linda Mendenhall, Records Administrator

1 ROLL CALL BY THE RECORDS ADMINISTRATOR

2 PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AND EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT – PRESIDING JUDGE – CRAIG L. JENNINGS

A Professional Services and Employment Agreement with Craig L. Jennings for a two-year appointment as Presiding Judge and authorize the Mayor and the City Clerk to execute the agreement documents.

Andrew McGuire mentioned to council that there will be a delay from the time the agreement is approved and the time Mr. Jennings will take office as Presiding Judge. Their approval tonight is putting that contract into place effective August 17, 2014.

Council Member McDonald moved to approve the Professional Services Agreement and Employment Agreement with Craig L. Jennings for a two-year appointment as Presiding Judge; Council Member Karlin seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL VOTE AS FOLLOWS:

Council Member Vierhout	Aye
Council Member Iwanski	Aye
Council Member McDonald	Aye
Mayor Weise	Aye
Vice Mayor Scott	Aye
Council Member Karlin	Aye
Council Member Kilgore	Aye

Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Weise welcomed Mr. Jennings to the City of Avondale.

3 RECOGNITION ITEMS (MAYOR PRESENTATIONS)

a. INSTALLATION OF PRESIDING JUDGE

Judge Joseph Guzman administered the oath of office to Presiding Judge Craig L. Jennings.

Mr. Jennings expressed his appreciation to the Council for their support and trust in him and indicates that he is going to do his very best in this capacity.

4 EXECUTIVE SESSION

An executive session pursuant to Ariz. Rev. Stat. § 38-431.03 (A)(1) for discussion regarding the process for the appointment of the City Manager.

Council Member McDonald moved to adjourn to executive session; Council Member Vierhout seconded the motion. Motion was carried unanimously.

The meeting was reconvened at 6:54 PM.

5 APPOINTMENT OF CITY MANAGER

Discussion of the process and potential appointment of City Manager.

Council Member McDonald moved to appoint David Fitzhugh as Avondale City Manager for one year; Council Member Karlin seconded the motion.

Vice Mayor Scott indicated that Mr. Fitzhugh has done a good job as the Acting City Manager and believes he has the demeanor and approach to do a great job for the City of Avondale.

Council Member Vierhout indicated that while during previous meetings he expressed reservations regarding the appointment, he now was in full support this appointment; the timing is right and it is a good move. He indicated he believes Mr. Fitzhugh will make a good City Manager.

Council Member McDonald stated that he is very much in support of this appointment. He indicated that Mr. Fitzhugh has a good team behind him with Kevin Artz, and Gina Montes as Assistant City Managers. He expressed his appreciation for the heightened communication that council has received while Mr. Fitzhugh has been at the helm. He also appreciates the high level of detail put into the budget process.

Council Member Kilgore commented that Mr. Fitzhugh has had his support from the beginning and added he appreciates Mr. Fitzhugh's flexibility and ability to teach and be taught and is confident he will do a great job.

Mayor Weise expressed his appreciation for Mr. Fitzhugh indicating that the succession plan put in place two years ago for department heads has proven successful. He also indicates that Mr. Fitzhugh has the talent, education and experience to handle anything that may come forward.

ROLL CALL VOTE AS FOLLOWS:

Council Member Vierhout	Aye
Council Member Iwanski	Aye
Council Member McDonald	Aye
Mayor Weise	Aye
Vice Mayor Scott	Aye
Council Member Karlin	Aye
Council Member Kilgore	Aye

Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Weise congratulated Mr. David Fitzhugh on being appointed City Manager.

Mr. Fitzhugh expressed his appreciation for the trust council has placed in him and indicated that he will do the very best job he can for the council. He mentioned that he helped the City grow from the ground up and expressed his desire to take the City to the next stage. He acknowledged his team of Assistant City Managers, Kevin Artz and Gina Montes, stating that they are very intelligent, bright, and gifted individuals who are not afraid to give him their opinion which he appreciates. He concluded by thanking the Mayor and Council.

6 ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Council, Council Member McDonald moved to adjourn the special meeting. Council Member Vierhout seconded the motion. Motion was carried unanimously.

City Council meeting adjourned at 7:01 p.m.



Mayor Weise



Linda Mendenhall
Records Administrator

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing minutes are a true and correct copy of the minutes of the Special Meeting of the Council of the City of Avondale held on the 14th day of July, 2014. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that the quorum was present.



Records Administrator