



CITY OF ATWATER

SPECIAL MEETING CITY COUNCIL

ACTION MINUTES

April 27, 2017

CALL TO ORDER:

The City Council of the City of Atwater met in Special Session this date at 6:00 PM in the City Council Chambers located at the Atwater Civic Center, 750 Bellevue Road, Atwater, California; Mayor Price presiding.

ROLL CALL:

Present: City Council Members Creighton, Raymond, Vierra, Mayor Pro Tem Vineyard, Mayor Price

Absent: None

Staff Present: City Clerk Hylar III

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Notice to the public was read.

No one came forward to speak at this time.

CLOSED SESSION: (Conference Room A)

Mayor Price invited public comments on Closed Session items.

ROGER WOOD, Atwater, recommended without a 5 to 0 vote for the City Manager appointment, the City Council should outsource the recruitment process for this position.

BOB CALLAWAY, Atwater, reiterated the view of Roger Wood and stated he is an applicant for the City Manager position.

MARY MCWATTERS, Atwater, commented on the hiring process and a possible Brown Act violation. She requested the City Attorney address this with the City Council members and educate them on the Brown Act.

ADELA SAENZ, Atwater, stated the City of Atwater does not have the finances to hire another City Manager and backs up the choice to appoint Scott McBride as City Manager.

ERIC LEE, Atwater, agreed with Roger Wood and believes the recruitment process for City Manager has been tainted causing applicants to withdraw. He commented on letters to the editor he believes are lies and unproductive. He suggested re-doing the hiring process with an outside source and to go forward from there.

GREG OLZACK, Atwater, encouraged City Council to do their due diligence in the selection of City Manager and if an appointment of a City Manager is the outcome of closed session to provide full disclosure on how the decision was made.

JULIA CORONADO, Atwater, suggested City Council take their time on their choice for appointment of City Manager because the choice will affect everyone. She spoke about Interim City Manager Scott McBride's education, experience, qualifications, dedication, work ethics and loyalty to the City. She asked City Council Members to take that into consideration when appointing the City Manager.

NELSON CRABB, Merced, spoke in favor of Scott McBride being appointed as City Manager.

STEPHANIE RUIZ, voiced her opinion and feels most co-workers are in favor of Interim City Manager Scott McBride being appointed as City Manager. She is concerned about the cost of outsourcing the recruitment, believes Scott loves the City and has done a lot for the City, has years of experience, has gained knowledge from his years of service at the City of Atwater and is best suited for the job.

MARY MCWATTERS, representing AFSCME Local 2703, spoke in favor of Interim Scott McBride being appointed as City Manager, she stated he would be the answer to the low morale, is well support by her group, and is the answer to the City's problems.

No one else came forward to speak.

Mayor Price adjourned the meeting to Conference Room A for Closed Session at 6:26 PM. Closed Session was called to order at 6:30 PM.

Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957, Public Employee Appointment: City Manager

Mayor Price reconvened the Special Meeting at 6:52 PM.

MAYOR OR CITY ATTORNEY REPORT OUT FROM CLOSED SESSION:

City Attorney Terpstra reported that staff was given direction to restart the recruitment process through the engagement of a consulting firm that will assist in the identifying of candidates and scheduling of interviews. The process will happen as soon as the consulting firm can be engaged and get on the job. In respect to other matters pertaining to the city manager search, staff was given direction and no other reportable action was taken.

The Closed Session agenda was completed.

ADJOURNMENT:

Closed Session adjourned at 7:05 PM.



DON HYLER III
CITY CLERK

By: Margarita Saavedra
Recording Secretary