

Minutes of the Special meeting of the Syracuse City Council held on November 20, 2012, at 6:00 p.m., in the Council Work Session Room, 1979 West 1900 South, Syracuse City, Davis County, Utah.

Present: Councilmembers: Brian Duncan
Craig A. Johnson
Karianne Lisonbee
Douglas Peterson
Larry D. Shingleton

Mayor Jamie Nagle
City Manager Robert Rice
City Recorder Cassie Z. Brown

City Employees Present:

City Attorney Will Carlson
Finance Director Steve Marshall
Community Development Director Michael Eggett
Public Works Director Robert Whiteley
Fire Chief Eric Froerer
Police Chief Brian Wallace
Police Lieutenant Tracy Jensen
HR Specialist Monica Whitaker

Visitors Present: Jill Ramboz Joe Levi Michael Levi
Brad Miller Kyle Nance

1. Meeting Called to Order

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Mayor Nagle called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. as a special meeting, with notice of time, place, and agenda provided 24 hours in advance to the newspaper and each Councilmember.

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Councilmember Lisonbee stated she is not sure why there is not an agenda item to allow public comment.

COUNCILMEMBER LISONBEE MADE A MOTION TO AMEND THE AGENDA BY ADDING AN ITEM TO ALLOW FOR PUBLIC COMMENT. COUNCILMEMBER DUNCAN SECONDED THE MOTION; ALL VOTED IN FAVOR.

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Mayor Nagle asked if anyone present wished to make public comments. Seeing no persons interested in making comments, the comment period ended.

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2. Proposed Resolution R12-26 appointing a Police Chief for Syracuse City.

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COUNCILMEMBER PETERSON MADE A MOTION TO ADOPT PROPOSED RESOLUTION R12-26 APPOINTING A POLICE CHIEF FOR SYRACUSE CITY. COUNCILMEMBER LISONBEE SECONDED THE MOTION.

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Councilmember Duncan stated that the Council discussed this issue last week so he did not want to get too detailed in his comments, but he appreciated the opportunity to review the resumes for applicants for the position and he also appreciated the opportunity to talk to HR Specialist Monica Whitaker, who was very open with him. He stated he felt it has been very helpful with the process. He noted he was planning to call Councilmember Peterson, but he did not have time, though he did have time to talk to Councilmember Johnson about the hiring process. He added he had citizens call him to talk to him about other candidates for the position as well as the candidate that has been selected by the Mayor. He stated that he good heard things about other candidates, but he also heard very good things about Mr. Atkins' qualifications from people whose opinions he trusts. He stated that there is "a mile of difference" between the position the Council was in a

week ago compared to tonight and he would hope that in the future that “we” get to that point initially. He stated that he still is disappointed that the citizens were not allowed to be more involved in the process. He stated he wants the record to show his comments as well as the fact that he is pleased after having reviewed the resumes and he feels comfortable moving forward with the appointment tonight.

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Councilmember Lisonbee stated she has some of the same concerns and apprehension. She stated she has heard a lot of citizen contact, especially after the last meeting. She stated many citizens approached her and said they were very impressed with the way Mr. Atkin stood and was willing to put his own interests aside in the interest of transparency and the interest of the citizens. She stated she has also heard from citizens about other candidates and she read through the resumes that she received. She noted that, although she does not have a problem with the outcome of the process, she has a problem with the process and what happened and she would like to see that not happen again. She stated she thinks there were a lot of really qualified candidates and some that could have been interviewed did not get an interview. She stated she would like to see the process reviewed for the future.

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Mayor Nagle called for a vote on the motion to adopt Proposed Resolution R12-26. ALL VOTED IN FAVOR.

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Councilmember Shingleton suggested that Chief Atkin be given the opportunity to make some comments. Chief Atkin stated that he appreciates the showing by the Officers of the Police Department this evening and that he looks forward to working with them. He thanked Chief Wallace for everything that he has been willing to help him with over the last couple of weeks. He addressed the Mayor, Council, and City Manager Rice and thanked them for their vote of confidence and he reported that he looks forward to many years of faithful service to Syracuse City. Chief Atkin then received a round of applause from all present.

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Mayor Nagle welcomed Chief Atkin to the City and stated she is sorry his first day on the job will be Christmas Eve.

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3. Consideration of adjourning into Closed Executive Session pursuant to the provisions of Section 52-4-205 of the Open and Public Meetings Act for the purpose of discussing the character, professional competence, or physical or mental health of an individual; pending or reasonably imminent litigation; or the purchase, exchange, or lease of real property.

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COUNCILMEMBER LISONBEE MADE A MOTION TO ADJOURN INTO CLOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 52-4-205 OF THE OPEN AND PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT FOR THE PURPOSE OF DISCUSSING THE PURCHASE, EXCHANGE, OR LEASE OF REAL PROPERTY. COUNCILMEMBER PETERSON SECONDED THE MOTION. THE FOLLOWING ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN: VOTING “AYE” – COUNCILMEMBERS DUNCAN, JOHNSON, LISONBEE, PETERSON, AND SHINGLETON. VOTING “NO” – NONE.

The meeting adjourned at [6:07:11 PM](#).

The meeting reconvened at [6:30:55 PM](#)

At [6:30:55 PM](#) p.m. COUNCILMEMBER SHINGLETON MADE A MOTION TO ADJOURN. COUNCILMEMBER PETERSON SECONDED THE MOTION; ALL VOTED IN FAVOR.

Jamie Nagle
Mayor

Cassie Z. Brown, CMC
City Recorder

Date approved: December 11, 2012