

**THE SPECIAL MEETING
OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF BENSON, ARIZONA
HELD OCTOBER 22, 2013, AT 1:00 P.M.
AT CITY HALL, 120 W. 6TH STREET, BENSON, ARIZONA**

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor King called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL:

Present were: Mayor Toney D. King, Sr., Vice Mayor Al Sacco, Councilmembers Patrick Boyle, Ron Brooks, Jeff Cook (arriving at 1:13 p.m.) and Chris Moncada (arriving at 2:00 p.m.). Absent was: Councilmember Peter Wangsness.

NEW BUSINESS:

EXECUTIVE SESSION: As per A.R.S. §38-431.03(A)(1), Discussion or consideration of employment, assignment, appointment, promotion, demotion, dismissal, salaries, disciplining or resignation of public officer, appointee or employee of any public body. The Committee will discuss City Manager interviews.

No executive session was held.

1. Interview of Stephen Gunty for the position of the City Manager

The Council interviewed Stephen Gunty. Mayor King stated the Council would take a 10 minute recess. Council reconvened at 2:00 p.m. Mayor King then stated background checks for Michael Scannell and Dale Hancock are being ordered through the Benson Police Department.

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2. Interview of Michael Scannell for the position of the City Manager

The Council interviewed Michael Scannell. Mayor King stated the Council would take a 10 minute recess. Council reconvened at 2:47 p.m.

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3. Interview of Dale Hancock for the position of the City Manager

Councilmember Brooks asked if the Council could schedule more interviews should they want to interview additional candidates and discussion ensued. Council directed Staff to contact the applicants from the original advertisement, see who was still interested in the position and then forward those resumes to Council, as well as any other resumes or applications received from the second advertisement the City did. Council then agreed to look at the applications and each Councilmember would email Interim City Manager Jim Cox 3 names of candidates they would each like to interview by

Monday at 5:00 p.m. so Mr. Cox could schedule interviews. After further discussion regarding the second advertisement's closing date of Monday at 5:00 p.m., Council decided the deadline for the submission of names to interview would be Tuesday at 5:00 p.m. Council agreed they would review the applications and resumes as soon as they were received so the process could move forward quickly if they decided not to approve anyone they had interviewed up to this point.

The Council then interviewed Dale Hancock.

Discussion on interviewing additional candidates then resumed with Councilmember Brooks asking if the background checks could be done on the names Councilmembers submitted Tuesday by 5:00 p.m. for interviews possibly on Thursday. HR Coordinator Melissa Quiroz informed the Council that background checks take more than 2 days, adding she may have the background checks next week for the candidates the Council interviewed today, but if the Council decided to request background checks on additional candidates, she would first have to contact them to sign and waiver and then request the background check be done. Councilmember Brooks stated he would like to start the background investigation process by requesting the waiver from the candidates as soon as their names were received from Council on Tuesday at 5:00 p.m. in order to get the information as quickly as possible.

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ADJOURNMENT:

Councilmember Brooks moved to adjourn at 3:26 p.m. Seconded by Vice Mayor Sacco. Motion passed 6-0.

Toney D. King, Sr., Mayor

ATTEST:

Vicki L. Vivian, CMC, City Clerk