

**THE SPECIAL MEETING
OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF BENSON, ARIZONA
HELD JUNE 4, 2012, AT 12:00 P.M.
AT CITY HALL, 120 W. 6TH STREET, BENSON, ARIZONA**

CALL TO ORDER:

City Clerk Vicki Vivian called the meeting to order at 12:06 p.m. with the pledge of allegiance.

ROLL CALL:

Present were: Councilmembers Ron Brooks (arriving at 2:13 p.m.), David Lambert, Nick Maldonado and Chris Moncada and Al Sacco. Excused was: Mayor Toney D. King, Sr. and Acting Mayor Lori McGoffin.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Selection of the Acting Mayor to preside over the June 4, 2012 12:00 p.m. Special Meeting of the City Council**

City Clerk Vicki Vivian stated the City Code reads that in the absence of the Mayor and Vice Mayor, the rest of the Council shall choose an acting mayor to serve in that capacity. Ms. Vivian then stated the acting mayor chosen would only be required to preside over this meeting, since Acting Mayor McGoffin would attend the June 11, 2012 7:00 p.m. Council meeting. Councilmember Maldonado moved to appoint Councilmember Moncada as the acting mayor to preside over the meeting, adding Councilmember Moncada served as the Chairman of the Attorney Selection Committee. Seconded by Councilmember Lambert. No further discussion. Motion passed 4-0.

2. **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 Council will discuss City Attorney interviews.**

City Clerk Vicki Vivian stated the Executive Session was on the agenda to provide the option to the Council. No executive session was held.

3. **Interview for the position of the City Attorney**

Acting Mayor Moncada stated a list of unacceptable questions that were not allowed to be asked during the interviews were being distributed by Human Resources Analyst I Melissa Quiroz, and asked the Councilmembers to sign the acknowledgement they received them.

The Council interviewed Chris Wencker. Afterward, the Council briefly discussed the interview. At 12:32 p.m., Acting Mayor Moncada stated the Council would take a break and resume the meeting for the next scheduled interview at 1:00 p.m. Council reconvened at 12:55 p.m.

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5. **Interview for the position of the City Attorney**

The Council interviewed Clifford Mattice of Mariscal, Gold, Weeks, McIntyre & Friedlander and then briefly discussed the interview. At 1:18 p.m., Acting Mayor Moncada stated the Council would break and resume the meeting for the next scheduled interview at 2:00 p.m. Council reconvened at 2:03 p.m.

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7. **Interview for the position of the City Attorney**

Councilmember Ron Brooks arrived and after being given the list of unacceptable interview questions, signed the acknowledgement of receipt. The Council then interviewed Tim LaSota and Adam Trenk of the Rose Law Group. Afterward, Council briefly discussed the interview.

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9. **Interview for the position of the City Attorney**

Council interviewed Brandon Kavanagh and Ken Brendle of Mangum, Wall, Stoops & Warden. Council then briefly discussed the interview. At 3:55 p.m., Acting Mayor Moncada stated the Council would take a 5 minute break. The Council reconvened at 4:03 p.m. Acting Mayor Moncada stated Councilmember Sacco would not be present for the remainder of the meeting.

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11. **Interview for the position of the City Attorney**

The Council interviewed Mike Masee. Afterward, the Council briefly discussed the interview. Discussion then centered on the function of the City Attorney with the clarification being made that the City Attorney represents the City and the Council as an entity instead of each individual Councilmember and while Councilmembers could contact the City Attorney with suggestions, concerns or brief questions, directives to the City Attorney should be brought to the Council for action in an open meeting.

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ADJOURNMENT:

Councilmember Maldonado moved to adjourn at 4:38 p.m. Seconded by Councilmember Lambert. Motion passed 4-0.

Lori McGoffin, Acting Mayor

ATTEST:

Vicki L. Vivian, CMC, City Clerk