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CALL TO ORDER

[Time: 00:00:03]

Mayor Ortega: I call the June 20th, 2023 City Council Special meeting and possible executive session to order. City Clerk Ben Lane, please conduct the roll call.

ROLL CALL

[Time: 00:00:14]

City Clerk Lane: Thank you, Mayor. Mayor David Ortega.

Mayor Ortega: Present.

City Clerk Lane: Vice Mayor Kathy Littlefield.

Vice Mayor Littlefield: Present.

City Clerk Lane: For the record, she's present.

City Clerk Lane: Councilmembers Tammy Caputi.

Councilmember Caputi: Here.

City Clerk Lane: Tom Durham.

Councilmember Durham: Here.

City Clerk Lane: Barry Graham.

Councilmember Graham: Here.

City Clerk Lane: Betty Janik.

Councilmember Janik: Here.

City Clerk Lane: Solange Whitehead.

Councilmember Whitehead: Here.

City Clerk Lane: City Manager Jim Thompson.

City Manager Thompson: Here.

City Clerk Lane: Acting City Attorney Luis Santaella.

Acting City Attorney Santaella: Here.

City Clerk Lane: City Treasurer Sonia Andrews.

City Treasurer Andrews: Here.

City Clerk Lane: And the Clerk is Present.

[Time: 00:00:45]

Mayor Ortega: We have a police officer and firefighter present if anyone needs assistance. May I have a motion to move into executive session for the following reason: Discuss item number one, to discuss, consider, and take possible action regarding the employment, assignment, appointment, promotion, demotion, dismissal, compensation and benefits, disciplining and/or resignation of the city attorney, city treasurer and city clerk.

And to discuss, consider, and take possible action regarding the employment contract, assignment, appointment, promotion, demotion, dismissal, and/or resignation of the acting city manager and take possible action on all other employment matters relating to the permanent appointment of or hiring of a city manager and/or to discuss with the attorneys and the representatives of public body for legal advice and consider its position regarding the same.

The evaluations will be conducted for the city attorney, city treasurer, city clerk and city manager. Do I have a motion?

Councilwoman Whitehead: So moved.

Councilmember Durham: Second.

Mayor Ortega: Thank you. We have a motion and a second. Please record your vote. We are unanimous. Thank you. We are now recessed into executive session.

[Time: 00:02:22]

[Executive session]

Mayor Ortega: We are resuming our special session, and for the record, the entire council is in attendance. Let me be sure that we are broadcasting. Yes. Excuse me. So for the record, the entire council is present, as well as the charter officers. In a continuation of our agenda items, I would ask for a motion concerning the city attorney.

Vice Mayor Littlefield: Yes, Mayor. I have a motion. I move to continue the city attorney's contract at a base salary of \$304,000, to be effective and retroactive to the beginning of June 18th, 2023 pay period.

Mayor Ortega: Second.

Councilmember Whitehead: Second.

Mayor Ortega: We have a motion and a second. Please record your vote. Thank you. Unanimous. Next, do I have a motion pertaining to the city treasurer?

Vice Mayor Littlefield: Yes, Mayor. I have a motion for the city treasurer. I move to continue the city treasurer's contract at a base salary of \$242,000 to be effective and retroactive to the beginning of June 18th, 2023 pay period.

Councilmember Whitehead: Second.

Mayor Ortega: Thank you. We have a motion and a second. Please record your vote. Unanimous. Thank you. Next, I ask for a motion concerning the city clerk.

Vice Mayor Littlefield: Yes, Mayor, I have a motion. I move to continue the city clerk's contract at a base salary of \$200,000 to be effective and retroactive to the beginning of June 18th, 2023 pay period.

Councilmember Whitehead: Second.

Councilmember Janik: Second.

Mayor Ortega: We have a motion and a second by Councilwoman Janik. Please record your vote. Unanimous. Thank you. Next, do we have a motion concerning the acting city manager?

Vice Mayor Littlefield: Yes.

Mayor Ortega: Yes, I recognize Councilman Durham.

[Time: 00:05:17]

Councilmember Durham: Thank you, mayor. The acting city manager has been retained under a third-party employment contract, which expires on October 13th of this year. Accordingly, the city council directs the human relations department to -- I'm sorry, human resources department to explore options for the recruitment of a charter city manager and to report back to the city council.

Mayor Ortega: Do I have a second?

Councilmember Whitehead: I will second it and say that this city council is very -- and people from inside and outside the city are very appreciative of our city manager Jim Thompson.

Mayor Ortega: A motion and a second. Seeing no other need to speak, please record your vote. The vote is 6-1 with Councilwoman Caputi dissenting. At this point we concluded the business for special session. Do I have a motion to adjourn?

Vice Mayor Littlefield: So moved.

Councilmember Janik: Second.

Mayor Ortega: Motion and a second. Please record your vote. Thank you. We are concluded.