

**SCOTTSDALE CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, JUNE 20, 2023**



**CITY HALL KIVA
3939 N. DRINKWATER BOULEVARD
SCOTTSDALE, AZ 85251**

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor David D. Ortega called to order a Special Meeting of the Scottsdale City Council at 3:00 P.M. on Tuesday, June 20, 2023 in the City Hall Kiva Forum

ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor David D. Ortega; Vice Mayor Kathy Littlefield; and Councilmembers Tammy Caputi, Tom Durham, Barry Graham, Betty Janik, and Solange Whitehead

Also Present: City Manager Jim Thompson, Acting City Attorney Luis Santaella, City Treasurer Sonia Andrews, and City Clerk Ben Lane

Notice of Possible Executive Session:

Notice is hereby given that, at any time during tonight's meeting, the City Council may make a motion to recess into Executive Session for Item No. 1 to discuss, consider, and take possible action regarding the employment, assignment, appointment, promotion, demotion, dismissal, compensation and benefits, disciplining 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, compensation and benefits, disciplining, and/or resignation of the Acting City Manager and discuss, consider and take possible action on all other employment matters relating to the permanent appointment or hiring of a City Manager; and/or to discuss and consult with the attorneys and representatives of the public body for legal advice and to consider its position regarding the same. If authorized by a majority vote of the Scottsdale City Council, the executive session will be held immediately after the vote and will not be open to the public. A.R.S. §38-431.03(A)(1) and (A)(3).

MOTION AND VOTE – EXECUTIVE SESSION

Vice Mayor Littlefield made a motion to adjourn into Executive Session to discuss, consider, and take possible action regarding the employment, assignment, appointment, promotion, demotion, dismissal, compensation and benefits, disciplining 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, compensation and benefits,

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disciplining, and/or resignation of the Acting City Manager and discuss, consider and take possible action on all other employment matters relating to the permanent appointment or hiring of a City Manager; and/or to discuss and consult with the attorneys and representatives of the public body for legal advice and to consider its position regarding the same. Councilmember Durham seconded the motion, which carried 7/0, with Mayor Ortega; Vice Mayor Littlefield; and Councilmembers Caputi, Durham, Graham, Janik, and Whitehead voting in the affirmative.

Recess Special Meeting (to Executive Session) – 3:02 P.M.

Reconvene Special Meeting (following Executive Session) – 7:22 P.M.

1. Charter Officer Evaluations

a. City Attorney

Request: 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.

MOTION AND VOTE – ITEM 1A

Vice Mayor Littlefield made a motion to continue the City Attorney’s contract at a base salary of \$304,000 to be effective and retroactive to the beginning of the June 18, 2023 pay period.

Mayor Ortega second the motion, which carried 7/0, with Mayor Ortega; Vice Mayor Littlefield; and Councilmembers Caputi, Durham, Graham, Janik, and Whitehead voting in the affirmative.

b. City Treasurer

Request: Discuss, consider, and take possible action regarding the employment, assignment, appointment, promotion, demotion, dismissal, compensation and benefits, disciplining, and/or resignation of the City Treasurer.

MOTION AND VOTE – ITEM 1B

Vice Mayor Littlefield made a motion to continue the City Treasurer’s contract at a base salary of \$242,000 to be effective and retroactive to the beginning of the June 18, 2023 pay period.

Councilwoman Whitehead seconded the motion, which carried 7/0, with Mayor Ortega; Vice Mayor Littlefield; and Councilmembers Caputi, Durham, Graham, Janik, and Whitehead voting in the affirmative.

c. City Clerk

Request: Discuss, consider, and take possible action regarding the employment, assignment, appointment, promotion, demotion, dismissal, compensation and benefits, disciplining, and/or resignation of the City Clerk.

MOTION AND VOTE – ITEM 1C

Vice Mayor Littlefield made a motion to continue the City Clerk’s contract at a base salary of \$200,000 to be effective and retroactive to the beginning of the June 18, 2023 pay period.

Councilwoman Janik seconded the motion, which carried 7/0, with Mayor Ortega; Vice Mayor Littlefield; and Councilmembers Caputi, Durham, Graham, Janik, and Whitehead voting in the affirmative.

d. City Manager

Request: Discuss, consider, and take possible action regarding the employment contract, assignment, appointment, promotion, demotion, dismissal, compensation and benefits, disciplining, and/or resignation of the Acting City Manager and discuss, consider, and take possible action on all other employment matters relating to the permanent appointment or hiring of a City Manager.

MOTION AND VOTE – ITEM 1D

Councilmember Durham made a motion noting that the Acting City Manager has been retained under a third-party employment contract which expires October 13, 2023. Accordingly, the City Council directs the Human Resources Department to explore options for the recruitment of a Charter City Manager and to report back to the City Council. Councilwoman Whitehead seconded the motion, which carried 6/1, with Mayor Ortega; Vice Mayor Littlefield; and Councilmembers Durham, Graham, Janik, and Whitehead voting in the affirmative and Councilwoman Caputi dissenting.

MOTION AND VOTE – ADJOURNMENT

Vice Mayor Littlefield made a motion to adjourn the Special Meeting. Councilwoman Janik seconded the motion, which carried 7/0, with Mayor Ortega; Vice Mayor Littlefield; and Councilmembers Caputi, Durham, Graham, Janik, and Whitehead voting in the affirmative.

ADJOURNMENT

The Special Meeting adjourned at 7:27 P.M.

SUBMITTED BY:



**Ben Lane
City Clerk**

Officially approved by the City Council on August 21, 2023

C E R T I F I C A T E

I hereby certify that the foregoing Minutes are a true and correct copy of the Minutes of the Special Meeting of the City Council of Scottsdale, Arizona, held on the 20th day of June 2023.

I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held, and that a quorum was present.

DATED this 21st day of August 2023.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Ben Lane". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "B".

Ben Lane, City Clerk