



CITY COUNCIL EXECUTIVE SESSION MEETING

EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2021, 11:00 AM

201 S Cortez Street

Prescott, AZ 86303

Lower Level Conference Room

Greg Mengarelli, Mayor

Alexa Scholl, Mayor Pro Tem

Cathey Rusing, Councilmember

Steve Blair, Councilman

Steve Sischka, Councilman

Phil Goode, Councilman

MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE SESSION OF THE PRESCOTT CITY COUNCIL EXECUTIVE SESSION HELD ON FEBRUARY 2, 2021, IN THE 201 S CORTEZ STREET PRESCOTT, AZ 86303 LOWER LEVEL CONFERENCE ROOM.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Mengarelli called the meeting to order at 11:02 a.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Greg Mengarelli Mayor

Alexa Scholl Mayor Pro Tem

Steve Blair Councilman

Phil Goode Councilman

Cathey Rusing Councilmember

Steve Sischka Councilman

3. CALL TO ENTER EXECUTIVE SESSION

**MOTION BY MAYOR PRO TEM SCHOLL TO CONVENE EXECUTIVE SESSION;
SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN SISCHKA: PASSED [6-0].**

4. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Discussion or consideration of appointment of a public officer or appointee of the public body and discussion or consultation for legal advice with the attorney or attorneys of the public body. A.R.S. §38-431.03.A(1) and (3):

A. Filling Council Vacancy and Review of Applications for Council Appointee

5. ADJOURN EXECUTIVE SESSION

There being no further business to discuss, Mayor Mengarelli adjourned Executive Session at 12:19 p.m.

6. RECONVENE CITY COUNCIL VOTING MEETING - Estimated Start Time 1:00 pm

Recommendation of finalists to be interviewed at the February 16, 2021 Council Meeting.

Mayor Mengarelli called the Voting Meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Greg Mengarelli	Mayor
Alexa Scholl	Mayor Pro Tem
Steve Blair	Councilman
Phil Goode	Councilman
Cathey Rusing	Councilmember
Steve Sischka	Councilman

Recommendation of finalists to be interviewed at the February 16, 2021 Council Meeting.

Mayor Mengarelli commented that the Executive Session went really well and thanked all Councilmembers for their participation and contributions.

Member of the public John Lutes addressed Council regarding his desire to be on the Prescott City Council. He stated that he has lived here for 40 years and has three generations of family here; he wants to see our way of life preserved by prioritizing the people who are living here, don't Phoenix our Prescott. Would focus on the following items with Council: public safety, Granite Dells Regional Park, transparency/accountability, strong economy, and arts/culture.

Mayor Mengarelli thanked Mr. Lutes for his time and efforts in our Community. He also reminded the public that they will have two weeks to let Council know who they would like to see in the seat and that once the finalists are selected Council would like to hear from them. Public interviews will be in the morning on February 16th and a vote will take place after that.

Councilman Goode stated that he would like to reiterate that he objects to the process that

was chosen to select appointee for 33 months, which is beyond anything that has been done in the past.

Councilman Blair added that in 2012 when the Charter was amended it gave Council the discretion to make a decision on how to handle an appointment and that is what was decided. He suggested that if people don't like something in the Charter it can be amended in the future with a vote of the people.

Councilman Sischa commented that in his opinion they received far more talented candidates than it would have been for just a "seat warmer", feels this is the superior process. This choice was provided by the Charter and is what was selected.

Member of the public Ralph Hess addressed Council and asked why Mayor Pro Tem Scholl decided to vote for an appointment for the balance of the term and disenfranchise the voters.

Mayor Pro Tem Scholl stated that she thoroughly responded to that in the last meeting and directed him to view the meeting recording or meeting minutes.

MOTION BY COUNCILMAN SISCHKA TO APPROVE INTERVIEWING THE FOLLOWING CANDIDATES FOR COUNCIL VACANCY ON FEBRUARY 16 - CONNIE CANTELME, ANDRE CARMAN, JIM LAMERSON, ERIC MOORE & CLARK TENNEY; SECONDED BY MAYOR PRO TEM SCHOLL. PASSED [6-0].

7. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, Mayor Mengarelli adjourned the meeting at 1:14 p.m.



GREG MENGARELLI Mayor

ATTEST:



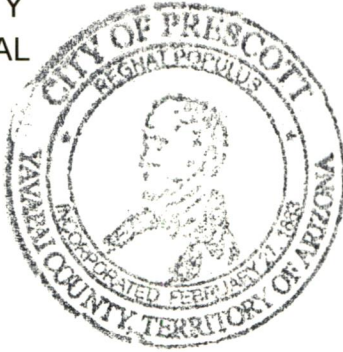
SARAH M. SIEP, City Clerk

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing minutes are a true and correct copy of the minutes of the Executive Session of the City Council Executive Session of the City of Prescott, Arizona held on February 2, 2021. I further certify the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

Dated this 24 day of February, 202~~0~~¹.

AFFIX
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Sarah M. Siep
Sarah M. Siep, City Clerk