

**CITY OF SANTA FE
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING
JUNE 16, 2022 5:30 P.M.
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
12002 HWY. 6, SANTA FE, TEXAS**

MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Mayor Pittman.

Roll Call: Present: Mayor Bill Pittman
Councilmember Brandon Noto
Councilmember Jason O'Brien
Councilmember Melanie Collins
Councilmember John Dickerson
Councilmember Dana Marks

Absent: None

Business:

1. Consideration and discussion: Meeting with City Manager applicants

Mayor Pittman discussed the status of the applicants for the open city manager position and said that the City Council has still not found a candidate that it felt would be a good fit for the role. He said that the City has four options available to it – return to the list of applicants who were not selected for an interview to see if some of them should be interviewed, post the position again to get new applicants, rearrange the City's current staff, or hire a company to look for a city manager on the City's behalf. Mayor Pittman noted that the last three times the City sought a city manager, the selected applicant either took a job elsewhere or withdrew their application. He discussed City Secretary Alun Thomas' suitability for the city manager position, noting that Mr. Thomas has a master's degree in public administration, and many years of experience in municipal government in Texas, including here in Galveston County. Mayor Pittman recommended that the Council consider appointing Mr. Thomas as the Acting City Manager at his current salary, with a raise to the city manager salary range after a successful six-month probationary period.

Council discussed the possibility of holding a town hall meeting for an hour in July that would function as a meet-and-greet for the public to get to know Mr. Thomas. Additionally, Councilmembers were encouraged to send Mr. Thomas their goals for the City so that he could present a plan at the first Council meeting in July for accomplishing those goals.

2. Executive Session, closed to the public, pursuant to Chapter 551.074, Texas Government Code, regarding the appointment and employment of public officers or employees – City Manager

This item was not needed, so was not discussed.

3. Consideration and possible action: Appointment of a City Manager

This item was not needed, so was not discussed.


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Motion by Councilmember Noto to adjourn. The motion passed and the meeting adjourned at 6:19 p.m.



BILL PITTMAN, MAYOR

ATTEST:



Alun W. Thomas, City Secretary