



**BOARD OF MAYOR AND COMMISSIONERS  
SPECIAL CALLED MEETING  
OCTOBER 6<sup>TH</sup>, 2021  
5:30 P.M.  
VIA ZOOM**

**MINUTES**

Members Present: Jonathan Elmore, Mayor  
Brian Fisher, Mayor Pro Tem  
Lisa Shortell, Commissioner  
Lionel Laratte, Commissioner  
Dee Merriam, Commissioner

Staff Present: Patrick Bryant, City Manager  
Paul Hanebuth, Asst. City Manager  
Gina Hill, City Clerk  
Stephen Quinn, City Attorney

Item #1 Meeting Called to Order

Item #2 Adoption of Agenda  
Mayor Pro Tem Fisher moved to adopt. Commissioner Shortell seconded. All ayes.

Item #3 **Police Department: Next Steps**  
The city manager will provide an update to the BOMC on staff efforts to recruit a new police chief and to solicit a third party to conduct a review of the police department's operations.

Mayor Elmore explained that Commissioners Laratte and Merriam were out of town. He felt that doing the meeting completely via Zoom as opposed to a hybrid would be for effective from a technical standpoint. He added this meeting was one of the steps he committed to in an earlier statement. City Manager Bryant read a statement about the management structure of the police department. He discussed the process that led to up to the failure of the department to achieve accreditation. Mr. Bryant listed steps he planned to take, such as meeting with the accreditation representative and employing a storage security expert to evaluate deficiencies. The process of hiring a new Chief and third-party consultant was also discussed. The BOMC talked about what they would like to see in a request for proposals (RFP) for the third-party consultant and how many RFPs there should be. Mr. Bryant requested feedback and comments from the BOMC to be emailed to him within a week. The group consensus was to do two RFPs.

Item #4

Public Comment

Mayor Elmore read a comment in the Zoom chat about the responsibility of hiring a new police chief. He responded that lies with the city manager. Those with comments included Lisa Cotrell, Lyda Steadman, Carol Calvert, Paul Dorroh, Israel Korn, Adela Yelton, Jack Krost, Patti Ghezzi, Sheri Dickens, Phil Feibish, Charles Earl, Peggy Roney, Liz Goodstein, Joanne Agliata, as well as a caller named Matteo. City Manager Bryant recapped next steps with the BOMC. Commissioner Merriam asked that the BOMC's comments they will email to the city manager be shared with the public. Mr. Bryant said he would discuss them at the next meeting.

Item #5

Adjournment

Mayor Pro Tem Fisher moved to adjourn. Commissioner Laratte seconded. All ayes.

APPROVED ON OCTOBER 28, 2021



Gina Hill, City Clerk