

Minutes

MAYOR AND COUNCIL

The City of Douglas Mayor and Council met in a **Special Meeting on Wednesday, FEBRUARY 2, 2022 AT 6:00 p.m.** at the Douglas Visitor Center, 345 16th Street. The Honorable Mayor Huish call the meeting to order.

1. **CALL TO ORDER.** 6:00 p.m.
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.** By Council
3. **ROLL CALL.**

	<u>PRESENT</u>	<u>ABSENT</u>
MAYOR, DONALD C. HUISH	X	
MAYOR PRO TEMPORE, MARGARET MORALES	X	
COUNCILMEMBER, MITCH LINDEMANN	X	
COUNCILMEMBER, DANYA ACOSTA	X	
COUNCILMEMBER, RAY SHELTON	X	
COUNCILMEMBER, MICHAEL BALDENEGRO	X	
COUNCILMEMBER, JOSE GRIJALVA	X	
CITY MANAGER, ANA URQUIJO	X	
CITY ATTORNEY, DENIS FITZGIBBONS	X	
CITY ATTORNEY, NICK COOK	X	
CITY TREASURER, LUIS PEDROZA	X	
CITY CLERK, ALMA ANDRADE	X	

4. **PERSONS WISHING TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL IN WRITING OR VERBALLY ON ANY ITEM NOT ON THE AGENDA.**

Ms. Andrade stated no public participation request were submitted.

5. **DISCUSSION/DECISION on APPROVALS:**

- A. **RESOLUTION NO. 22-1485, a Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the City of Douglas, Cochise County, Arizona, ORDERING QUESTIONS be submitted with respect to the PROPOSED AMENDMENTS to the CITY OF DOUGLAS CHARTER, which shall be VOTED UPON by the QUALIFIED ELECTORS of the City of Douglas at the SPECIAL CITY ELECTION to be held on MAY 17, 2022, and providing direction and authorization related to such election.**

Ms. Urquijo commented there was two pending items left to present from public hearing.

- Amendment to Article 9, Section IX, General elections. Aligning of the general election to the state election.
- Amendment to Article 11, Section V Disposition of fine, penalties and fees. Shall be paid promptly to the designated officer authorized to receive them. The City currently has an IGA with the county, who collects those funds.

Councilmember Morales commented on Article IV, Section 2 City Clerk, she wanted to thank Ms. Urquijo for the explanation and agrees it is beneficial to have that position placed under the organization. Additionally Councilmember Morales personally thank the committee that served, as they did any excellent job with these recommendations.

Motion by Council Member Baldenegro, **second** by Council Member Grijalva to approve Resolution No. 22-1485

Councilmember Lindemann asked for clarification on Section 9A removal procedure.

Mr. Fitzgibbons answered that it has always been 5/7 vote, the only change was an addition of the word "only".

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Councilmember Acosta asked what is the minimum amount of contracts if reference to Article VIII, Section 1. Mr. Pedroza answered that there is a threshold within the state, which is currently at \$100,000 that states mayor and council approval, anything below that would require the city manager's review. This item will be brought back to council to establish procedure amounts.

Mr. Cook verified that it would come back before council as an ordinance to set the various limits for each directors, and council would make that decision at a later date.

Motion by Council Member Baldenegro, **second** by Council Member Grijalva to amend the original motion and add the wording Councilperson to the title Article II, Section 6(B).

Councilmember Lindemann asked if the amendment presented would remove the term limits.

Mayor Huish agreed as proposed.

Mr. Fernando Morales commented he believes it is safeguard adding the term limits and also feels that whether it is five dollars, \$.25 it does need to be reviewed and approved by council.

Roll Call: Voted in Favor: Mayor Donald Huish, Council Members: Margaret Morales, Mitch Lindemann, Danya Acosta, Ray Shelton, Michael Baldenegro and Jose Grijalva. **Voted Against:** None.

6. **DISCUSSION/DECISION:**

A. **DISCUSSION/DECISION to call for and CONDUCT an EXECUTIVE SESSION under the authority of A.R.S. 38-431.03 (A3), (A4), and (A7) to consider its position, instruct its representative and obtain legal advice regarding the negotiations of City owned properties that include the Golf Course, RV Park and La Perilla Apartments with parcel numbers 410-08-001, 410-08-002, 410-08-003, and 410-09-004.**

Motion by Council Member Morales, **Second** by Council Member Acosta to enter into executive session at 6:21 p.m.

Roll Call: Voted in Favor: Mayor Donald Huish, Council Members: Margaret Morales, Mitch Lindemann, Danya Acosta, Ray Shelton, Michael Baldenegro and Jose Grijalva. **Voted Against:** None.

Motion by Council Member Shelton, **Second** by Council Member Morales to adjourn the executive session at 6:54 p.m.

Roll Call: Voted in Favor: Mayor Donald Huish, Council Members: Margaret Morales, Mitch Lindemann, Danya Acosta, Ray Shelton, Michael Baldenegro and Jose Grijalva. **Voted Against:** None.

7. **UPDATE with possible DIRECTION on the following city properties: Golf Course, RV Park and La Perilla Apartments with parcel numbers 410-08-001, 410-08-002, 410-08-003, and 410-09-004.**

Mayor Huish directed staff to continue negotiations based on the invitation for bids, specifically on the La Perilla apartments; staff and city attorneys are working on the details for the possible purchase.

8. **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Council Member Morales, **second** by Council Member Acosta to adjourn the meeting at 6:56 p.m. Motion unanimously passed.

Prepared by:


Cynthia Acuña Robles, Deputy City Clerk