



MINUTES

PRESENT:

Norie Gonzalez Garza, Mayor
Ruben D. Plata, Mayor Pro-Tem
Jessica Ortega, Councilwoman
Marissa Ortega-Gerlach, Councilwoman
Alberto Vela, Councilman
Patricia A. Rigney, City Attorney
Mike R. Perez, City Manager
Anna Carrillo, City Secretary

ABSENT:

ALSO PRESENT:

Alma Santos
Kristina Silva
Tim Brown
David Escalera
Polo Garza

STAFF PRESENT:

Mike Silva, Fire Department
Randy Cruz, Fire Department
Ruben Hernandez, Media Relations
Joel Magallan, IT Department
Noemi Munguia, HR Director
Kenia Gomez, Media Relations Director
Joel Florez, Fire Department
J. Garcia, Fire Department
J. Saenz, Fire Department
B. Sanchez, Fire Department
R. Villalon, Fire Department

SPECIAL MEETING

CALL TO ORDER AND ESTABLISH QUORUM

With a quorum being present, Mayor Norie Gonzalez Garza called the meeting to order at 4:07 p.m.

CITIZEN'S PARTICIPATION

Victor Fidel Navarro, 313 Saint Marie spoke about his concern of the recent turnover at the Fire Department in the position of Fire Chief.

At 4:11 p.m., Councilman Alberto Vela moved to convene into Executive Session. Motion was seconded by Councilwoman Marissa Gerlach and approved unanimously 4-0.

Mayor Pro Tem Ruben Plata joined the meeting at 4:14 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

1. Closed session pursuant to Tex. Gov't Code Section 551.071 (Consultation with Attorney) and Section 551.074 (Personnel Matters) regarding the appointment, employment, duties, of Interim Fire Chief and related interviews

At 4:28 p.m. Councilwoman Ortega moved to reconvene into open session. Motion was seconded by Councilwoman Marissa Gerlach and approved unanimously 5-0.

City Manager Mike Perez stated he and City Attorney Patricia Rigney had interviewed the four Deputy Chiefs and Mike Silva and selected the top two candidates to be selected as Interim Fire Chief to be interviewed by the City Council. The process of hiring a fire chief would take from three to six months. He stated the need to continue to lead the fire department and continue to make progress on what was currently being worked on.

At 4:28 p.m., Mayor Pro Tem Plata moved to convene into Executive Session. Motion was seconded by Councilwoman Ortega and approved unanimously 5-0.

Upon conclusion of Executive Session at 5:11 p.m., Mayor Pro Tem Plata moved to reconvene the regular meeting. Motion was seconded by Councilwoman Ortega and approved unanimously 5-0.

AGENDA ITEM

1. Consideration and action, if any, related to the confirmation of appointment by City Manager under Tex. Local Gov't Code Section 143.013(a)(1) of the City of Mission's Interim Fire Chief - Perez

Confirmation was being requested on the appointment by City Manager of Interim Fire Chief Mike Silva as required by Section 143.013(a)(1) of the Texas Local Government Code, upon the confirmation Interim Fire Chief Silva will have all statutory authority contained in the civil service statute with regard to employment actions. Section 143.013 (a)(1) required not only appointment by the City Manager, but also confirmation by the City Council.

Councilman Vela moved to approve Confirmation of appointment by City Manager under Civil Service Law Section 143.013(a)(1) of Interim Fire Chief Mike Silva. Motion was seconded by Councilwoman Ortega and approved unanimously 5-0.

ADJOURNMENT

At 5:12 p.m., Mayor Pro Tem Plata moved for adjournment. Motion was seconded by Councilwoman Ortega and approved unanimously 5-0.

Norie Gonzalez Garza, Mayor

ATTEST:

Anna Carrillo, City Secretary