

Wylie City Council Special Meeting

October 18, 2021 – 6:00 PM

Council Chambers - 300 Country Club Road, Building #100, Wylie, Texas 75098



CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Matthew Porter called the special meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. The following City Council members were present: Councilman David R. Duke, Councilman Dave Strang, Mayor *pro tem* Jeff Forrester, Councilman Scott Williams, and Councilman Garrett Mize. Councilman Timothy T. Wallis was absent.

Staff present included: Assistant City Manager Brent Parker; Assistant City Manager Renae Ollie; Police Chief Anthony Henderson; Fire Chief Brandon Blythe; Parks and Recreation Director Rob Diaz; Public Works Director Tim Porter; Public Information Officer Craig Kelly; City Attorney Richard Abernathy; City Secretary Stephanie Storm, and various support staff.

INVOCATION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor *pro tem* Forrester led the invocation and Councilman Strang led the Pledge of Allegiance.

COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Any member of the public may address Council regarding an item that is not listed on the Agenda. Members of the public must fill out a form prior to the meeting in order to speak. Council requests that comments be limited to three minutes for an individual, six minutes for a group. In addition, Council is not allowed to converse, deliberate or take action on any matter presented during citizen participation.

There were no citizens present wishing to address Council.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Porter convened the Council into Executive Session at 6:03 p.m.

Sec. 551.071. CONSULTATION WITH ATTORNEY; CLOSED MEETING.

If A governmental body may not conduct a private consultation with its attorney except:

(1) when the governmental body seeks the advice of its attorney about:

(A) pending or contemplated litigation; or

(B) a settlement offer; or

(2) on a matter in which the duty of the attorney to the governmental body under the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct of the State Bar of Texas clearly conflicts with this chapter.

ES1. Resolution No. 2021-35(R) approving payment to City Manager in excess of the contractual amount.

ES2. Severance Agreement with Chris Holsted.

ES3. City Manager's contract.

ES4. Appointment of Interim City Manager.

ES5. Selection of search firm to assist with search for City Manager.

Sec. 551.074. PERSONNEL MATTERS; CLOSED MEETING.

(a) This chapter does not require a governmental body to conduct an open meeting:

(1) to deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer or employee; or

(2) to hear a complaint or charge against an officer or employee.

(b) Subsection (a) does not apply if the officer or employee who is the subject of the deliberation or hearing requests a public hearing.

ES6. Resolution No. 2021-35(R) approving payment to City Manager in excess of the contractual amount.

ES7. Severance Agreement with Chris Holsted.

ES8. City Manager's contract and Chris Holsted's employment.

ES9. Appointment of Interim City Manager.

ES10. Selection of search firm to assist with search for City Manager.

RECONVENE INTO OPEN SESSION

Take any action as a result from Executive Session.

Mayor Porter reconvened the Council into Open Session at 7:17 p.m.

COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS

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There were no citizens present wishing to address Council.

REGULAR AGENDA

- 1. Hold a Public Hearing to consider, and act upon, resolution approving payment to City Manager in excess of the contractual amount.**

Public Hearing

Mayor Porter opened the public hearing on Item 1 at 7:17 p.m. asking anyone present wishing to address Council to come forward.

No citizens were present wishing to address the Council.

Mayor Porter closed the public hearing at 7:18 p.m.

Council Action

No action taken by Council on this Item.

- 2. Consider, and act upon, Resolution No. 2021-35(R) approving payment to City Manager in excess of the contractual amount.**

Council Action

A motion was made by Councilman Strang, seconded by Councilman Duke, to approve Resolution No. 2021-35(R) as presented. A vote was taken and the motion passed 6-0 with Councilman Wallis absent.

- 3. Consider, and act upon, Severance Agreement with Chris Holsted and authorize the Mayor to take all actions necessary to effectuate the same.**

Council Action

A motion was made by Mayor *pro tem* Forrester, seconded by Councilman Strang, to approve the Severance Agreement with Chris Holsted and authorize the Mayor to take all actions necessary to effectuate the same. A vote was taken and the motion passed 6-0 with Councilman Wallis absent.

- 4. Consider, and act upon, appointment of Interim City Manager.**

Council Action

A motion was made by Mayor *pro tem* Forrester, seconded by Councilman Williams, to appoint Brent Parker as Interim City Manager pending the finalization of a contract. A vote was taken and the motion passed 6-0 with Councilman Wallis absent.

- 5. Consider, and act upon, City Manager's contract and employment of Chris Holsted.**

Council Action

No action taken by Council on this Item.

- 6. Consider, and act upon, selection of search firm to assist with search for City Manager.**

Council Comments

Mayor Porter stated at this time the Council would like to form a subcommittee consisting of three Council members to review search firms. Mayor Porter, Councilman Williams, Councilman Mize, and Councilman Duke expressed interest in serving on the subcommittee.

Council Action

A motion was made by Councilman Strang, seconded by Councilman Williams, to form a subcommittee to select a search firm and appoint Mayor Porter, Councilman Williams, and Councilman Duke to serve on the subcommittee. A vote was taken and the motion passed 5-1 with Councilman Mize voting against and Councilman Wallis absent.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Councilman Strang, seconded by Mayor *pro tem* Forrester, to adjourn the meeting at 7:24 p.m. A vote was taken and motion passed 6-0 with Councilman Wallis absent.

Matthew Porter, Mayor

ATTEST:

Stephanie Storm, City Secretary