

**SCOTTSDALE CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, JUNE 18, 2024**



**CITY HALL KIVA
3939 N. DRINKWATER BOULEVARD
SCOTTSDALE, AZ 85251**

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor David D. Ortega called to order a Special Meeting of the Scottsdale City Council at 3:00 P.M. on Tuesday, June 18, 2024 in the City Hall Kiva Forum.

ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor David D. Ortega; Vice Mayor Barry Graham; and Councilmembers Tammy Caputi, Tom Durham, Betty Janik, Kathy Littlefield, and Solange Whitehead

Also Present: City Manager Jim Thompson, City Attorney Sherry Scott, City Treasurer Sonia Andrews, Acting City Auditor Lai Cluff, and City Clerk Ben Lane

Notice of Possible Executive Session:

Notice is hereby given that, at any time during tonight's meeting, the City Council may make a motion to recess into Executive Session for Item No. 1 to discuss, consider, and take possible action regarding the Acting City Auditor's evaluation and compensation; and Item No. 2 to discuss, consider, and take possible action regarding the employment, assignment, appointment, promotion, demotion, dismissal, compensation and benefits, disciplining or resignation of the City Attorney, City Manager, City Treasurer, and City Clerk; and and/or to discuss and consult with the attorneys and representatives of the public body for legal advice and to consider its position regarding the same. If authorized by a majority vote of the Scottsdale City Council, the executive session will be held immediately after the vote and will not be open to the public. A.R.S. §38-431.03(A)(1) and (A)(3).

MOTION AND VOTE – EXECUTIVE SESSION

Councilwoman Janik made a motion to recess into Executive Session to:

1. Discuss, consider, and take possible action regarding the Acting City Auditor's evaluation and compensation; and
2. Discuss, consider, and take possible action regarding the employment, assignment, appointment, promotion, demotion, dismissal, compensation and benefits, disciplining or resignation of the City Attorney, City Manager, City Treasurer, and City Clerk; and and/or

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to discuss and consult with the attorneys and representatives of the public body for legal advice and to consider its position regarding the same.

Councilwoman Whitehead seconded the motion, which carried 7/0, with Mayor Ortega; Vice Mayor Graham; and Councilmembers Caputi, Durham, Janik, Littlefield, and Whitehead voting in the affirmative.

Recess Special Meeting (to Executive Session) – 3:02 P.M.

Reconvene Special Meeting (following Executive Session) – 7:16 P.M.

1. Acting City Auditor Evaluation

Requests:

- a. Discuss, consider, and take possible action regarding the Acting City Auditor's compensation.
- b. Adopt **Resolution No. 13170** authorizing a temporary pay increase in an amount to be determined by the City Council until such time as a permanent City Auditor is appointed and begins employment.

MOTION AND VOTE – ITEM 1

Vice Mayor Graham made a motion to Adopt Resolution No. 13170 authorizing a temporary pay increase for the Acting City Auditor to a new base salary of \$172,000 to be effective and retroactive, to the beginning of the June 16, 2024 pay period. This pay increase will continue until such time as a permanent City Auditor is appointed and begins employment.

Councilwoman Janik seconded the motion, which carried 7/0 with Mayor Ortega; Vice Mayor Graham; and Councilmembers Caputi, Durham, Janik, Littlefield, and Whitehead voting in the affirmative.

2. Charter Officer Evaluations

a. City Attorney

Request: Discuss, consider, and take possible action regarding the employment, assignment, appointment, promotion, demotion, dismissal, compensation and benefits, disciplining, and/or resignation of the City Attorney.

MOTION AND VOTE – ITEM 2A

Vice Mayor Graham made a motion to continue the City Attorney's contract at a base salary of \$319,000 to be effective and retroactive, to the beginning of the June 16, 2024 pay period.

Councilwoman Whitehead second the motion, which carried 7/0, with Mayor Ortega; Vice Mayor Graham; and Councilmembers Caputi, Durham, Janik, Littlefield, and Whitehead voting in the affirmative.

b. City Manager

Request: Discuss, consider, and take possible action regarding the employment, assignment, appointment, promotion, demotion, dismissal, compensation and benefits, disciplining, and/or resignation of the City Manager.

MOTION AND VOTE – ITEM 2B

Vice Mayor Graham made a motion to continue the City Manager's contract at a base salary of \$390,000 to be effective and retroactive, to the beginning of the June 16, 2024 pay period. Councilwoman Whitehead seconded the motion, which carried 5/2, with Mayor Ortega and Councilmembers Caputi, Durham, Janik, and Whitehead voting in the affirmative and Vice Mayor Graham and Councilwoman Littlefield dissenting.

c. City Treasurer

Request: Discuss, consider, and take possible action regarding the employment, assignment, appointment, promotion, demotion, dismissal, compensation and benefits, disciplining, and/or resignation of the City Treasurer.

MOTION AND VOTE – ITEM 2C

Vice Mayor Graham made a motion to continue the City Treasurer's contract at a base salary of \$264,000 to be effective and retroactive, to the beginning of the June 16, 2024 pay period. Councilwoman Janik seconded the motion, which carried 5/2, with Mayor Ortega and Councilmembers Caputi, Durham, Janik, and Whitehead voting in the affirmative and Vice Mayor Graham and Councilwoman Littlefield dissenting.

d. City Clerk

Request: Discuss, consider, and take possible action regarding the employment, assignment, appointment, promotion, demotion, dismissal, compensation and benefits, disciplining, and/or resignation of the City Clerk.

MOTION AND VOTE – ITEM 2D

Vice Mayor Graham made a motion to continue the City Clerk's contract at a base salary of \$216,000 to be effective and retroactive, to the beginning of the June 16, 2024 pay period. Councilwoman Janik seconded the motion, which carried 7/0, with Mayor Ortega; Vice Mayor Graham; and Councilmembers Caputi, Durham, Janik, Littlefield, and Whitehead voting in the affirmative.

MOTION AND VOTE – ADJOURNMENT

Councilwoman Whitehead made a motion to adjourn the Special Meeting. Councilmember Durham seconded the motion, which carried 7/0, with Mayor Ortega; Vice Mayor Graham; and Councilmembers Caputi, Durham, Janik, Littlefield, and Whitehead voting in the affirmative.

ADJOURNMENT

The Special Meeting adjourned at 7:20 P.M.

SUBMITTED BY:



Ben Lane
City Clerk

Officially approved by the City Council on August 20, 2024

CERTIFICATE

I hereby certify that the foregoing Minutes are a true and correct copy of the Minutes of the Special Meeting of the City Council of Scottsdale, Arizona, held on the 18th day of June 2024.

I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held, and that a quorum was present.

DATED this 20th day of August 2024.



Ben Lane, City Clerk