

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD BEGINNING AT 6:06 P.M., AUGUST 27, 2018, TRAINING ROOMS A & B, CITY HALL, 757 N. GALLOWAY, MESQUITE.**

Present: Mayor Stan Pickett and Councilmembers Dan Aleman, Tandy Boroughs, Robert Miklos, Jeff Casper, Bruce Archer and Greg Noschese, City Manager Cliff Keheley, and City Secretary Sonja Land.

**WORK SESSION – TRAINING ROOMS A & B – 6:06 P.M.**

Gunnar Seaquist, Bickerstaff Heath Delgado Acosta, LLP, reviewed the time line for the 2018 districting and November 5, 2019, General Election processes. Mr. Seaquist presented an overview of the redistricting criteria as follows: where possible, use easily identifiable geographic boundaries; facilitate practical voting precincts and adequate facilities for polling places; districts configured to be relatively equal in total population based on the 2010 census and any adjustments to that data; deviation should not exceed 10 percent; design compact and contiguous districts; narrowly tailor the plan to address Voting Rights Act considerations; and avoid fragmenting any geographically compact minority community or packing minority voters.

Mr. Seaquist reviewed the redistricting guidelines as follows: proposed plans must be submitted in writing and be legible; show all demographic and racial categories based upon the 2010 Census or, if possible, updated data developed by the City; plans should redistrict the entire City of Mesquite; plans should conform to the criteria; comments must be submitted in writing and be legible; comments and proposed plans must include person's full name and home address and provide a phone number and, if available, an email address; and all comments and proposed plans must be submitted to the City Council by the close of the public hearings.

Mr. Seaquist introduced Sherry McCall, GIS Specialist for Bickerstaff Heath Delgado Acosta, LLP, who reviewed the proposed redistricting maps for the six proposed single-member districts. The Mayor and City Council made suggested changes to the proposed district boundaries.

Mr. Seaquist stated that the time line includes presenting the illustrative plan at the September 17, 2018, City Council meeting, scheduling the public input process during October 2018 and finalizing and adopting the Districting Plan at the November 19, 2018, City Council meeting. Mr. Seaquist expressed appreciation to the Council.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION – CITY COUNCIL EXECUTIVE CONFERENCE ROOM – 7:40 P.M.**

Mayor Pickett announced that the City Council would meet in executive session pursuant to Section 551.074 of the Texas Government Code to consider the appointment, evaluation, employment, reassignment, duties, discipline or dismissal of the City Manager, City Attorney, Municipal Court Judge, City Secretary, members of the various City boards and commissions and other City employees (Discuss and deliberate the evaluation of the two City Attorney candidate finalists, Michelle D'Andrea and David Paschall, and the appointment, employment and duties of the City Attorney); whereupon the City Council proceeded to meet in the City Council Executive Conference Room. After the closed meeting ended at 8:35 p.m., the City Council reconvened in Open Session.

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**EXECUTIVE ACTION RESULTING FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 7:40 P.M.**

Mr. Noschese moved to authorize the City Manager to negotiate the terms of an employment contract for the position of City Attorney with Applicant David Paschall. Motion was seconded by Mr. Casper. On call for a vote on the motion, the following votes were cast:

Ayes: Noschese, Casper, Pickett, Boroughs

Nayes: Archer, Miklos, Aleman

Absent: None

Motion carried.

Mr. Noschese moved to adjourn the meeting. Motion was seconded by Mr. Archer and approved unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 9:01 p.m.

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Sonja Land  
City Secretary

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Stan Pickett  
Mayor