

SWEET HOME CITY COUNCIL  
SPECIAL MEETING AND EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES

September 21, 2016

The City Council Special Meeting was opened at 6:00 p.m. in the City Hall Annex

Roll Call:	Councilor Gerson	P (via phone)	Councilor Mahler	P
	Councilor Goble	P	Councilor Trask	P
	Councilor Goodwin	P	Councilor Underwood	P
	Mayor Gourley	P		

Staff: City Manager Pro Tem Christy Wurster, Public Works Director Michael Adams, City Attorney Robert Snyder and Recording Secretary Julie Fisher

Media: Sean Morgan, The New Era  
Alex Paul, Democrat Herald

Registered Visitors: Sharon Kanareff, Jo Ann McQueary, Dick Knowles, Andrea Cully

Mayor Gourley asked for Public Comment on the employment of a City Manager.

Jo Ann McQueary stated she recognized the challenge before Council and urged them to do their best. Ms. McQueary acknowledged the challenge of the applicant pool partly due to the many City Manager positions currently open in other cities. Ms. McQueary reminded the Council that they have a responsibility to the citizens and for the many months of disarray, the City has not been represented as well as it could be. Ms. McQueary stated looking at the position profile that the Council created; it is her opinion that we have a candidate that meets all of the criteria that the Council has set.

Sharon Kanareff stated she appreciated the open process and the opportunity to meet the candidates. Ms. Kanareff stated she believes that we have a good candidate and added unless the Council goes back to the drawing board and changes something what more do they expect to get. Ms. Kanareff asked the Council to weigh the decision to start the process over after all the hard work they have done.

The Council adjourned the meeting at 6:20 pm to go into Executive Session

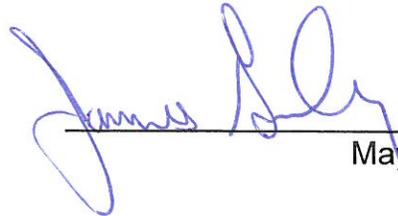
The Executive Session was opened at 6:20 pm as authorized by ORS 192.660 (2) (a) to consider the employment of a City Manager. The Executive Session adjourned at 7:05 pm. Councilor Goodwin and Councilor Gerson were both excused from the meeting.

The Special Public Meeting was reopened at 7:08 pm. The Council directed staff to invite Mr. Towry back for another interview. They set tentative dates for Thursday, September 29, 2016 or Monday, October 3, 2016 at the Jim Riggs Community Center. The Council also set a cap of \$750 for reimbursements for the candidate's travel expenses.

Councilor Mahler made a motion to invite Mr. Towry back for another interview with Councilor Mahler seconding. The Question was called and the motion passed with 5 Ayes, 0 Opposed and 2 Absent (Gerson, Goodwin)

The meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

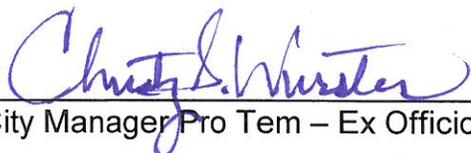
The foregoing is a true copy of the proceedings of the City Council at the September 21, 2016 Special City Council Meeting.



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Mayor

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City Manager Pro Tem – Ex Officio City Recorder