



Amarillo City Council Special Meeting

August 23, 2023

3:00 PM

City Hall - Council Chamber
601 S. Buchanan Street, 3rd Floor
Amarillo, Texas 79101

MINUTES

1. Call to Order

On August 23, 2023 the Amarillo City Council met at 3:00 PM for a Special Meeting held in Council Chamber, located on the third floor of City Hall at 601 South Buchanan Street, with the following members present:

Mayor Cole Stanley
Councilmember, Place 1 Josh Craft
Councilmember, Place 2 Don Tipps
Councilmember, Place 3 Tom Scherlen
Councilmember, Place 4 Les Simpson
Absent were none.

Also in attendance were the following administrative officials:

Jared Miller, City Manager
Andrew Freeman, Deputy City Manager
Rich Gagnon, Assistant City Manager
Floyd Hartman, Assistant City Manager
Laura Storrs, Assistant City Manager
Stephanie Coggins, City Secretary
Mick McKamie, Special Outside Counsel

Mayor Stanley established a quorum and called the meeting to order at 3:01 PM.

2. **Public Comment** The public will be permitted to offer public comment on agenda items and items related to City business. Citizens interested in commenting may sign up online at <https://www.amarillo.gov/departments/city-manager/city-secretary/public-address-registration-form>, by calling the City Secretary's office at (806) 378-3014, or in person in Room 303 of City Hall, 601 S. Buchanan. Citizens should signup at least 15 minutes prior to the scheduled meeting start time.

The following individuals signed up and spoke during public comment:

1. Jeff McGunegle, of Amarillo
2. Paul Harpole, of Amarillo
3. Gary Pitner, not of Amarillo
4. Keith Grays, of Amarillo

After all registered individuals spoke, Mayor Stanley invited citizens who did not sign up to speak to address City Council, and the following individuals spoke:

1. Dipak Patel, of Amarillo
2. Rupert Brashears, of Amarillo
3. Jim Whitton, of Amarillo
4. Verlinda Pride Watson, of Amarillo
5. Richard Determan, of Amarillo
6. Cliff Craig, of Amarillo
7. James Schenck, of Amarillo

The following individuals registered and shared written comments with City Council:

1. Linda S. Wheeler, of Amarillo
2. Robert Keeter, of Amarillo

3. Martha L Russell, of Amarillo
4. Karen A Harris, of Amarillo

3. **Agenda Item** The City Council may convene in Executive Session to receive reports on or discuss any of the following pending projects or matters:

3.A. DISCUSS AND CONSIDER SEPARATION AGREEMENT WITH CITY MANAGER

This item is to discuss and consider approval of a separation agreement between the City of Amarillo, Texas and City Manager Jared Miller and authorization of the Mayor to sign such agreement.

Mayor Stanley introduced the item.

ACTION: Motion to accept the separation agreement and approve mayor to sign it by Tom Scherlen, second by Josh Craft; Motion passed with a 5:0 vote.

AYES: Josh Craft, Tom Scherlen, Cole Stanley, Les Simpson, Don Tipps

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

3.B. DISCUSS APPOINTMENT OF INTERIM CITY MANAGER

This item is to discuss the process of appointing an interim city manager.

Mayor Stanley introduced the item and presented it.

4. Adjourn

Mayor Stanley adjourned the Special Meeting at 4:02 PM.

ATTEST:


Stephanie Coggins, City Secretary


Cole Stanley, Mayor