## MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

#### CITY OF SNYDER

## **JANUARY 23, 2017**

A Special Meeting of the City Council of the City of Snyder, Texas was called to order at 5:35 p.m. by Mayor Tony Wofford with the following members present:

Councilmember Rodney Dupree Councilmember Vernon Clay Councilmember Steve Rich Councilmember Steve Highfield Councilmember Tom Strayhorn Councilmember Luann Burleson Attorney for the City, Bryan Guymon

#### ITEM I. INVOCATION:

The invocation was given by Luann Burleson.

#### ITEM II. RECOGNIZE VISITORS:

The following visitors were in attendance:

Bill Crist, Snyder Daily News; Ben Barkley, Snyder Daily News; Mark McClain, Big Country Electric; Richard Powell; Big Country Electric; Sunny Ruiz, Atmos Energy; David Holt, President CRMWD; Stephanie Ducheneaux, Snyder; Barbara Jamison, Snyder; Tonya Trotter, Snyder; Frank Toland, Snyder; Richard Reed, Southern Electric; Elyndabeth Toland, Snyder; Robbi Tindol, Snyder; Howard Limmer, Snyder; Bob Martin, Snyder; Brad Blair, Snyder; Abel Deloera, Snyder; Jason Cave, Snyder Chamber of Commerce; Linda Molina, Snyder Chamber of Commerce; Bridget Turner, Snyder Chamber of Commerce; Josh Ortegon, Snyder Chamber of Commerce; Beth Taylor, Snyder; Shirley Hodges, Snyder; Norma Martinez, Justice of the Peace Precinct 1; Candace Bawcum, Snyder; Keith Hackfeld; Hackfeld Real Estate; Paula Hatfield, Scurry County Historical Commission; Keith Pitner, Snyder; Chira Pitner, Snyder; Emily Rollins, Snyder; Tammy Quick, Snyder; Melissa Petty, Hackfeld Real Estate; Bob McCarter, Snyder; David Naizer, Snyder; David Tate, Snyder; Peggy Vernon, Snyder; George Jamison, Snyder; Terry Martin, Snyder; Martha Martin, Snyder; Lynn Fuller, Snyder; Tina Roland, Snyder; Gayle Summers, Snyder; Loretta McCravey, Snyder; Reed Scott, Snyder; Stephanie Highfield, Snyder; Peggy Highfield, Snyder; Barry Martin, Snyder; Jimmy Nix, Snyder; Patricia Nix, Snyder; Charles Ragland, Snyder; Rose Ragland, Snyder; John McRoberts, Snyder; Jim Richardson, Snyder; Eddie William, Snyder; Mark Williamson, Snyder; William Powell, Snyder; Michael Davis, Snyder; Jodi Powell, Snyder; Britt Canapa, Snyder; Jordan Quick, Snyder; Chris Borgas, Snyder; Bob Snedeker, Snyder; Bill Harris, Snyder; Ralph Ramon, Snyder; Trina Upshaw, Snyder; Linda Moody, Snyder; Julie Strunk, Snyder; Connie Weber, Snyder; Penny Roberson, Snyder; Roy Bennett Jr., Snyder; Ronna Posey, Snyder; Cy Posey, Snyder; Omega Vargas, Snyder; David Calvert, Snyder; Albert Guymon, Snyder; Drew Bullard, Snyder; Vanessa Laureles, Police Department; Perry Westmoreland, Snyder Fire Chief; Terry Luecke, Snyder Police Chief; Theleca Wilson, City Personnel; Patricia Warren, Finance Director; Vick Chambers, Snyder Zoning Administrator; David Nicholson, City IT/Purchasing; Teresa Wall, Utility Department Head; Carla Pineda, Utility Department; Shelli Chance, Utility Department; Kelly Hartman, Utility Department; Tammy Cooley, Utility Department; Brad Overcash, Deputy City Secretary; Shai Green; City Secretary; Alex Gallagher, Police Department; Rustin Webb, Police Department; Bea Lopez, Police Department; Robert Clark, Police Department; Brian Haggard, Police Department; Mike Counts, Police Department; Dennis Young; Police Department; Tanner Garcia; Police Department; Jeff Israel, Police Department; Baily Latham, Police Department; Whitney Merket; Police Department; Aubrey Thomas, Police Department; JP Wilson, Police Department; Patric Haggard, Snyder; Nathan Yruegas, Water/ Sewer Department; Jose Cabrera, Water/Sewer Department; Geraldo Reyes, Street Department; Lea Tarter, Police Department; Nicki Gonzales; Administration; Brenda Sullenger; Finance Department; Zack Rollins, Planning and Zoning Department; Dan Hicks, Planning and Zoning Department; Gabby Scott, Court Administrator; Angela Blair, Court; Jamie Deere;

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Landfill; Eli Torres, Public Works Director; Pete Quintanilla, Landfill; Ben Poe, Fire Department; Brad Bawcum; Fire Department; Nathan Hines, Fire Department; Toby Ubando, Wastewater; Wayne Kimery, Wastewater; David Yandrich, Sewer Department; Frank Yguanzo, Wastewater; Earnest Foster, Snyder; Amanda Davis, Snyder; Courtney Stauvey, Snyder; Hope Heaton, Snyder; Evans Heaton, Snyder;

## ITEM III. VISITORS/CITIZENS FORUM:

The following people spoke unanimously in favor and support of City Manager Merle Taylor:

David Holt, Stephanie Ducheneaux, Jason Cave, Barbara Jamison, Jamie Naizer, Tonya Trotter, Frank Toland, Mark McClain, Richard Powell, Vanessa Laureles, Richard Reed, Perry Westmoreland, Terry Luecke, Theleca Wilson, Sunny Ruiz, Patricia Warren, Elyndabeth Toland, Vick Chambers, Robbi Tindol, Joshua Reeves, David Nicholson, Howard Limmer, Teresa Wall, Bob Martin, Brad Blair, and Brad Overcash.

# ITEM IV. EXECUTIVE SESSION: Time – 6:25 p.m.

Council may act in Open Session on the following item:

1. Discuss and consider appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, resignation, discipline or dismissal of the City Manager, including the terms of a Separation Agreement with the City Manager. (Section 551.074 Texas Government Code.)

# ITEM V. RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION: Time – 7:05 p.m.

Council members went around the table and voiced their support for City Manager Merle Taylor before motion and vote took place.

1. Councilmember Luann Burleson made the motion to give City Manager Merle Taylor a 2 year contract to be negotiated by the City of Snyder's legal team Underwood Law Firm.

The motion was seconded by Councilmember Steve Highfield and passed with the following vote:

Ayes: All members present voted yes.

Noes: None.

## ITEM VI. ADJOURNMENT:

Councilmember Luann Burleson made the motion to adjourn.

The motion was seconded by Councilmember Tom Strayhorn and passed with the following vote:

Ayes: All members present voted yes.

Noes: None.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:16 p.m.

Mayor

ATTEST:

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Approved: February 6, 2017.