

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE SHOW LOW CITY COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY, APRIL 7, 2022, AT 5:30 P.M. IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 181 NORTH 9TH STREET, SHOW LOW, NAVAJO COUNTY, ARIZONA

1. Call to Order.

Mayor Leech called the meeting to order at 5:41 p.m.

2. Roll Call.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Leech, Vice Mayor Kakavas, Councilman Adams, Councilman Allsop, and Councilman Clark.

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT: Councilman Hatch.

STAFF PRESENT: Ed Muder, City Manager; F. Morgan Brown, City Attorney; Justin Johnson, Deputy City Manager; and Nicole Hudson, Deputy City Clerk.

GUESTS: None.

3. Discussion and Consideration of the Process to Replace a Vacancy on the City Council.

Mr. Brown said when there was a vacancy on the Council, state statutes allowed the City Council to appoint someone to fill a vacancy for the seat's remaining term (in the case of Councilwoman Wilson's seat, it expired in December 2024).

Mr. Brown said in the past, the Council had solicited applications of interest and held interviews in executive session and the Council appointed an applicant to fill the vacancy.

Mayor Leech asked if the Council could advertise the vacancy to all the people who pulled candidate packets or if it was an option to advertise the vacancy only to the people who submitted candidate packets to run for City Council. Mr. Brown said that decision could be made by the Council. There were three incumbents and two citizens that submitted packets.

Mayor Leech asked if the incumbents would have to resign their seat to be appointed for the vacancy. Mr. Brown said yes, an incumbent would be required to resign their seat to be appointed to the vacant seat.

Mayor Leech said he didn't think the vacancy needed to be advertised to the public since two citizens and three incumbents submitted candidate packets.

Councilman Clark said he would not resign his current seat to be appointed to the vacant seat. He said because he was appointed to his current seat, he felt

his seat needed to be put to the voters and he needed to be elected to continue to serve on the Council.

Vice Mayor Kakavas suggested interviewing all five of the people who submitted candidate packets. Mr. Brown said the incumbents who submitted packets could not be interviewed unless they resigned their current seat.

Councilman Clark suggested contacting those who had already submitted candidate packets to gauge their interest in being appointed to the vacant Council seat. If they were interested, they would submit an application form and the Council would schedule interviews for a future date.

Mayor Leech asked staff to contact those who had submitted candidate packets to gauge their interest in being appointed to the vacant Council seat. A special meeting would be held on April 19 at 6:00 p.m. to interview the applicants.

4. Adjournment.

There being no further business to be brought before the Council, **MAYOR LEECH ADJOURNED THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE SHOW LOW CITY COUNCIL OF APRIL 7, 2022, AT 5:55 P.M.**

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Rachael Hall, City Clerk

John Leech, Jr., Mayor

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CERTIFICATION

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 Show Low held on April 7, 2022. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

Dated this _____ day of _____, 20__.

(SEAL)

Rachael Hall, City Clerk