

CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SACHSE

SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

OCTOBER 14, 2019

The City Council of the City of Sachse held a special meeting on Monday, October 14, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. at Sachse City Hall, 3815 Sachse Road, Building B, Sachse, Texas. Those present were Mayor Mike Felix, Mayor Pro Tem Bill Adams, Councilmembers Brett Franks, Michelle Howarth, Cullen King, and Jeff Bickerstaff; City Manager, Gina Nash; City Attorney, Joe Gorfida; City Secretary, Michelle Lewis Sirianni and Police Chief, Bryan Sylvester. Councilmember Paul Watkins was absent.

Mayor Felix opened the special meeting at 6:35 p.m.

ETHICS COMPLAINT: Consider the following as it relates to the ethics complaint filed by Shawntaigne Riner against Mayor Pro Tem Bill Adams pursuant to Section 1-22 of the Sachse Code of Ordinances: (a.) Appointing outside legal counsel pursuant to Section 1-22(H)(6) of the Code of Ordinances to investigate the complaint; and (b.) Granting an extension for the submission of a written report to the City Council pursuant to Section 1-22(H)(2) of the Code of Ordinances.

Mr. Gorfida stated the ethics complaint against Mayor Pro Tem Bill Adams was delivered to the City Council on October 8, 2019. According to the ordinance, the City Attorney has 15 days to complete an investigation and report the findings to the City Council regarding the complaint. In addition, under the ordinance, there is a provision that allows the City Council to have the investigation completed by outside legal counsel as opposed to the City Attorney. Mr. Gorfida requested the City Council to first consider appointing outside legal counsel to investigate the complaint. He recommended Julia Gannaway. He further requested the City Council to grant an extension until Thursday, November 14 for the report to be brought back before or on this date to the City Council.

Councilman Bickerstaff asked how the report would be received if the Council elects to work through an outside counselor. Mr. Gorfida responded when the report is brought back he will be in attendance. The report initially will be given to the City Council in Executive Session. A copy of the findings will then be made available to the public. The City Council will then have options under the ordinance on how to proceed.

Mr. Gorfida added that if the City Council decides to appoint Ms. Gannaway, he recommends authorizing the Mayor to execute an engagement letter with Ms. Gannaway for such services.

Councilman Bickerstaff made a motion to appoint outside counsel to investigate the ethics complaint filed against Councilmember Bill Adams, to authorize the Mayor to execute an engagement letter with Julia Gannaway for such investigation, and to grant an extension for the submission of a written report to the City Council on or before November 14, 2019. Councilman King seconded that motion.

Frank Millsap, 3904 Miles Road, asked for clarification of the extension within the ordinance. He questioned if this was allowable. Mr. Millsap read into the record part of Section H(3) of the ordinance. Mr. Gorfida finished reading the remaining sentences within the section that clarifies "unless an extension is granted by the City Council".

The motion was approved unanimously.

Mayor Pro Tem Adams stated that unbeknownst to those present and on the City Council, he had already made the decision to not pursue another term of office next year due to health reasons. Regardless of the outcome of the complaint, he acknowledged what he has accomplished for the City over the last twelve years. Mayor Pro Tem Adams announced his resignation as Mayor Pro Tem and City Councilmember Place 4 of the City of Sachse effective 12:00 a.m. on October 15, 2019.

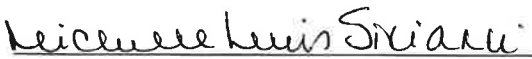
Mr. Gorfida commented that this is not an item for action on the agenda.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Felix adjourned the workshop at 6:45 p.m.


MIKE J. FELIX, MAYOR

ATTEST:


Michelle Lewis Sirianni, City Secretary

