

**THE HAYDEN TOWN COUNCIL
MEETS ON THURSDAY, APRIL 9, 2015
5:30 P.M.
HAYDEN TOWN COUNCIL CHAMBERS
520 N. VELASCO AVENUE
HAYDEN, ARIZONA 85135
FOR A
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING**

CALL TO ORDER

The special council meeting was called to order at 5:45 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Bobby Smith, Vice-Mayor Maria Munoz, Council Members Gloria Ruiz, Jeremy Garcia, Thomas Lagunas and Enrique Lopez

Staff: Town Attorney Stephen Cooper, General Superintendent Gary Cruz and Chief of Police Louie Tartaglia

Audience: None

Executive Session

Pursuant to A.R.S. ' 38-431.03 (A)(1), (3) and (4) :

a. Discussion of employment of a public officer - Chief of Police. Possible interview of candidates in Regular or Executive Session.

b. Consideration of Employment of Chief of Police including possible discussions of the following:

1. Contract negotiations;
2. Re-advertise Position;
3. Possible employment of Chief of Police;
4. Possible discussion of Appointment of Interim Chief of Police; or
5. No action taken on matter.

c. Legal advice (if requested by Town Council) with Town Attorney on Items a and b above.

Mayor Smith moved to go into executive session at 5:47 p.m. for no longer than 30 minutes with Council Members, Town Attorney and Town Clerk present. Reserve the right to call Chief of Police in as needed. Council Member Lagunas seconded the motion and the motion carried. 4-0

Council Member Lopez arrived at 5:49 p.m.
Vice-Mayor Munoz arrived at 6:07 p.m.

5. Regular Session

a. Personnel Action acceptance of resignation Chief of Police Louie Tartaglia effective April 9, 2015

Mayor Smith told Chief Tartaglia that the council had a couple of questions and asked if he would want it in open or closed session. Chief Tartaglia responded that he would want it held in open session. Council Member Ruiz asked why this was on the agenda when it had already been placed on a previous agenda and had been voted on to approve his resignation. Vice-Mayor Munoz told the council that she had heard that the council had terminated the chief and she also heard that he was made to resign. She asked the chief if this was true. The chief told the council that this was not the case, he resigned on his own, the council did not persuade him in any way. Vice-Mayor Munoz stated that she felt the chief has done a good job and wanted it to be on record that he was not terminated nor asked to resign.

Mayor Smith moved to accept the resignation of Chief of Police Louie Tartaglia. Vice-Mayor Munoz seconded the motion and the motion carried. 6-0

b. Consideration of Employment of Chief of Police including possible actions of one (1) of the following: appointment of Chief of Police, re-advertise position, no action taken on matter or Instruct Town Manager and/or Legal Counsel to proceed as directed in Executive Session.

6. Appointment of Interim Chief of Police. If action on Agenda Item 5 requires appointment of Interim Chief of Police.

Council gave Mayor Smith authority to contact Gila County to have an interim chief for six weeks and then if the town feels that they need an interim chief for a longer period, an IGA with Gila County can be negotiated.

7. Executive Session - Legal Matters and Legal Advice :

Pursuant to A.R.S. '38-431.03 (A)(3) and (4), discussion with Staff and Legal Counsel and/or discussion and consideration of pending construction claims with CNB Construction, B & F Contracting, Inc. and Burgess & Nipple to be in mediated on June 4, 2015.

Mayor Smith asked that this item be tabled until the regular council meeting.

8. Regular Session :

- a. Direction to Staff to proceed as directed in Executive Session.

9. Adjournment

The special council meeting was adjourned by the mayor at 6:33 p.m.

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the forgoing minutes are true and correct. The Hayden Town Council held a special council meeting on the 9th day of April 2015. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

Date _____

Laura E. Romero, Town Clerk