

On this the 24th day of April, 2023 at 6:00 p.m., the City Commission of the City of Hereford, Texas, convened in a special session in the Commission Chamber in City Hall, the meeting being open to the public and notice of said meeting having been given as prescribed by Chapter 551 of the Government Code, with the following members being present and in attendance, to-wit:

Cathy Bunch, Mayor
 Reyna Ruiz, Commissioner Place One
 Angie Alonzo, Commissioner Place Two
 Clint Savoini, Commissioner Place Three
 Mark Collier, Commissioner Place Four
 James Stow, Commissioner Place Five
 Steve Bartels, City Manager
 Suzanne Finch, City Secretary

Absent: Audie Sciumbato, City Attorney
 Rocky Bhakta, Commissioner Place Six

Jim Steiert was in attendance from the Hereford Brand and Lane Formby from KPAN to witness the proceedings.

Also, in attendance were Assistant City Manager Dean Turney, Finance Manager Wade Hawkins, Rose Mary Barrett, Carmen Nunez, Linda Castaneda, Ramon Nunez, Raymond Trevino, Jayden Trevino, Sandra Swopes, Dolores Gonzalez, Margaret Del Toro, Albert Sciumbato, Sean Sciumbato, and Mona Hernandez.

Mayor Bunch voiced the invocation and then asked Commissioner Collier to lead the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States flag. She called the meeting to order, welcomed those in attendance, and introduced each item on the agenda.

REGULAR HEARING:

ITEM 1 – Public Comments.

There were no public comments.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

(Mayor Bunch convened into Executive Session at 6:02 p.m.)

ITEM 2 – Discuss personnel matters. (Provided by Title 5, Chapter 551, Subchapter A (1), Government Code §551.074 Personnel Matters)

(Mayor Bunch ended the Executive Session at 6:49 p.m. and noted no action was taken.)

REGULAR HEARING:**ITEM 3 - Discuss and consider approval of new Chief of Police.**

Commissioner Ruiz made the motion to table approval of the new Chief of Police. Commissioner Collier seconded the motion and it passed with the unanimous vote of the Commission.

Mayor Bunch stated the Commission wants to visit with the candidate City Manager Bartels is recommending; they will have another meeting.

Margaret Del Toro asked questions regarding how many were being considered, the total number of applicants, and stated the Commission should look to hire someone outside the department.

Dolores Gonzalez stated the Commission should interview three.

Mayor Bunch stated we are doing the selection of the Chief of Police according to the Charter.

Commissioner Stow stated City Manager Bartels has done the interviews; the Charter reads the City Commission approves.

Commissioner Alonzo stated for some of the City Commission that do not know the person, they want to meet the person being recommended.

Mona Hernandez stated the decision has already been made if one out of fourteen.

There being no further business before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 6:58 p.m.