

On this the 3rd day of May, 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  
 James Stow, Commissioner Place Five  
 Steve Bartels, City Manager  
 Suzanne Finch, City Secretary  
 Audie Sciumbato, City Attorney

Absent: Mark Collier, Commissioner Place Four  
 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, Yolanda Gonzalez Balderaz, Martin Alejandre, Dolores Gonzalez, Kevin Bunch, Margaret Del Toro, Cassie Swan, Kiley Hewitt, Sandy Swopes, Martha Rincon, Ramey Rice, Michael Sumpter, Chris Grotegut, Carmen Nunez, and Ramon Nunez.

Mayor Bunch voiced the invocation and then asked Commissioner Stow 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.**

Margaret Del Toro stated the Commission serves, represents, and protects the public; she urged the Commission to examine their reasons for choosing this applicant and if their decision is based solely on friendship to look elsewhere.

Dolores Gonzalez urged the Commission to let their conscience be their guide. Ms. Gonzalez stated she thought the decision had already been made and if so, she is disappointed.

Kiley Hewitt spoke in favor of hiring Landon Swan stating he is an excellent option for the Chief of Police.

Ramon Nunez stated the Commission should make themselves more available/known/visible to the public. Mr. Nunez stated he hoped the regulations/human resource/by-laws were followed in selecting an applicant.

Martin Alejandro stated whoever the Commission chooses, he hopes they stand by the law and will not be a bad person.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

*(Mayor Bunch convened into Executive Session at 6:11 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 7:17 p.m. and noted no action was taken.)*

**REGULAR HEARING:**

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

Commissioner Savoini made the motion to accept Lt. Landon Swan as the new Chief of Police. Commissioner Stow seconded the motion and it passed with the following vote: Mayor Bunch – aye; Commissioner Ruiz – nay; Commissioner Alonzo – nay; Commissioner Savoini – aye; and Commissioner Stow – aye.

There being no further business before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:19 p.m.