

On this the 24th day of February, 2025 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 member being present and in attendance, to-wit:

Cathy Bunch, Mayor
 Rose Mary Barrett, Commissioner Place One
 Angie Alonzo, Commissioner Place Two
 Clint Savoini, Commissioner Place Three
 Mark Collier, Commissioner Place Four
 Deven Black, Commissioner Place Six
 Steve Bartels, City Manager
 Franchesca Jimenez, City Secretary
 Audie Sciumbato, City Attorney

Absent: James Stow, Commissioner Place Five

Also in attendance was Landon Swan.

Mayor Bunch voiced the invocation and then called upon Commissioner Savoini to lead the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States flag. She called the meeting to order and welcomed those in attendance.

REGULAR HEARINGS:

ITEM 1 – Public Comments.

Mayor Bunch reminded the audience of the 3-minute limit and also the rule that the public is not allowed to approach the dais and will be escorted out of the chamber after the meeting adjourns.

Ramon Nunez suggested re-arranging the agenda items for special meetings.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

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 6:58 p.m. and noted no action was taken.)

REGULAR HEARINGS:**ITEM 3 - Discuss and consider and take appropriate action on city manager position.**

Commissioner Barrett made a motion to offer the position of city manager to Ryan Polster and to authorize the Mayor to finalize the terms of an employment agreement with the final approval of the Commission. Commissioner Black seconded the motion and it passed with the unanimous vote of the Commission.

ITEM 4 - Announcements and comments from Mayor and City Commissioners.

Commissioner Savoini thanked the Commission.

Commissioner Collier thanked the Commission and expressed that they made the right choice.

Mayor Bunch thanked the Commission for their patience and for making a good decision. She also expressed her gratitude to City Manager Bartels for his patience and hard work.

ITEM 5 - Announcements and comments from City Staff.

City Manager Bartels informed the Commission of the following:

- The next regular meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 3rd.
- He announced all positions were uncontested, so the election will be canceled, and the incumbents will be declared the winners.
- Additionally, the rate case for Atmos will be included on the next agenda.
- He noted he will be out of the office during the week of spring break.

City Attorney Sciumbato commended the Commission for their efforts throughout this process.

There being no further business before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 7:05 p.m.