

Duncanville Special Called Meetings Meeting Minutes
Regular Meeting
Thursday, August 3, 2023

CALL TO ORDER

A special meeting of the Duncanville City Council was called to order on Thursday, August 3, 2023, at 6:02p.m. in the Council Briefing Room at City Hall with a quorum to wit:

COUNCIL PRESENT:

Mayor Barry L. Gordon
Councilmember At-Large DeMonica Gooden
Councilmember Joe Veracruz
Councilmember Don McBurnett
Councilmember Jeremy Koontz
Councilmember Karen Cherry-Brown
Mayor Pro Tem Greg Contreras

COUNCIL ARRIVING AT:

COUNCIL ABSENT:

CALL TO ORDER

Councilmember McBurnett, Chairman of the Audit Committee called the Audit Committee meeting to order at 6:06pm

RECEIVE PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comments

1. DISCUSS AGENDA ITEMS

Mayor Gordon read the item into the record.

A. *Council and Audit Committee to receive an update on the FY2022 audit and discuss the FY2023 audit.*

Mayor Gordon discussed his views on the city's non-compliance in Finance. He suggested that we document our non-compliance, lack of timeliness of the audit and where we failed in terms of codification of ordinances and statutes to promote more transparency. Councilmembers agreed with the proposal of a letter and added that it should be signed by all councilmembers as a show of unity.

Dennis Baldwin, Interim Financial Services Managing Director and Denise Hickman, Finance Manager clarified the list of items not available today. He stated Accounting Consultant, Gloria Bey, was not available today but would provide detailed responses at a later date. Mr. Baldwin addressed all the items submitted by the auditors and where we are in terms of completion. He stated the problems look to have started with a lack of internal controls.

The council asked for clarification on the cause of the audit issues and are hoping a third-party inquiry will help identify the issues that caused the problem.

Chairman McBurnett adjourned the Audit committee meeting at 7:51pm
Mayor Gordon recessed the regular meeting at 7:52pm

Mayor Gordon reconvened the regular meeting at 8:00pm and opened the executive session at 8:01pm.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

1. ***Council to convene into closed Executive Session pursuant to Section 551.074 of the Texas Government Code, Personnel, to deliberate the duties and/or appointment of the Interim City Manager under the Home Rule Charter and pursuant to Section 551.071 of the Texas Government Code to seek legal advice from the City Attorney on the same topic.***

Mayor Gordon closed the executive session at 9:20pm and reconvened Regular Session at 9:21pm.

2. ***Take any necessary action as a result of Executive Session.***

No action taken.

Mayor Gordon, on behalf of the City Council, made the following remarks.

"We had a wonderful candid conversation between ourselves and the Interim City Manager. The council agreed that together we and the city management will continue to move the city forward together."

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:22p.m.

APPROVED:


CITY SECRETARY