

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ST. JOSEPH, MISSOURI

February 26, 2020 - 4:00 p.m.
Office of the City Clerk

CALL TO ORDER:

The Council of the City of St. Joseph, Missouri, met in a called special meeting on Wednesday, February 26, 2020, at 4:00 p.m., in the 4th Floor Conference Room at City Hall. The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m. by Mayor McMurray. Notice of said meeting (together with an agenda) was posted at least 24 hours in advance of the meeting in the City Clerk's office.

ROLL CALL:

	<u>Name</u>	<u>Attendance</u> (mtgs attended-mtgs absent)
Members Present:	Mayor Bill McMurray	(65-02)
	Councilmember Madison Davis	(66-01)
	Councilmember PJ Kovac	(53-14)
	Councilmember Russell Moore	(67-00)
	Councilmember Brian Myers	(62-05)
	Councilmember Marty Novak	(64-03)
	Councilmember Gary Roach	(62-05)
Members Absent:	Councilmember Brenda Blessing	(63-04)
	Councilmember Kent O'Dell	(57-10)

Total membership--9. Five members constitute a quorum.

Also present were City Manager J. Bruce Woody, City Attorney Bryan Carter, Parks and Recreation Director/Interim Human Resources Director Chuck Kempf and City Clerk Paula Heyde.

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MINUTES:

None.

SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS:

None.

ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA:

45057 It was moved by Councilmember Myers and seconded by Councilmember Novak that the Agenda be accepted as published. Motion carried. Ayes, Davis, Kovac, McMurray, Moore, Myers, Novak, Roach--7. Absent, Blessing, O'Dell--2.

CALL FOR SPECIAL MEETING:

45058 Filed 2/13/20 - A written request has been received from eight members of the Council this date requesting a special meeting of the Council on Wednesday, February 26, 2020, at 4:00 p.m., in the 4th Floor Conference Room at City Hall, to discuss the following issue:

1. City manager replacement.

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CALL FOR SPECIAL MEETING: (Cont'd)

The tentative agenda of this meeting also includes a vote to close part of this meeting pursuant to Section 610.021(3), (12) and (13) RSMo., as amended, which pertains to hiring, firing, disciplining or promoting an employee by a public governmental body when personal information about the employee is discussed or recorded; sealed bids and related documents and sealed proposals and related documents or any documents related to a negotiated contract; and individually identifiable personnel records, performance ratings or records pertaining to employees or applicants for employment.

Discussions shall be limited solely to the matters stated above.

BEFORE ENTERING INTO SUCH DISCUSSIONS, THE COUNCIL SHALL VOTE ON THE QUESTION OF MAKING THE MEETING CLOSED.

If such question receives an affirmative vote of the majority of the quorum of the Councilmembers, the meeting thereafter shall be closed.

Authority for closing the meeting is authorized by Section 610.021(3) (12) and (13) RSMo., as amended, which authorizes a closed meeting.

NOW, THEREFORE, as City Clerk of the City of St. Joseph, under the provisions of Section 3.9(a) of the Charter of the City of St. Joseph, I hereby issue a call for a special meeting of the Council for the time and place and for the purpose as set forth above in accordance with the written request of the Council.

(SEAL)

/s/ Paula Heyde
Paula Heyde, City Clerk

MOTION TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE (CLOSED) SESSION:

- 45059 It was moved by Councilmember Novak and seconded by Councilmember Myers that the Council adjourn into executive (closed) session with a closed meeting, vote and record in order to discuss matters pertaining to hiring, firing, disciplining or promoting an employee by a public governmental body when personal information about the employee is discussed or recorded; sealed bids and related documents and sealed proposals and related documents or any documents related to a negotiated contract; and individually identifiable personnel records, performance ratings or records pertaining to employees or applicants for employment. Motion carried. Ayes, Davis, Kovac, McMurray, Moore, Myers, Novak, Roach--7. Absent, Blessing, O'Dell--2.

The Council adjourned into executive (closed) session.

The Council adjourned the closed portion of the special meeting and reconvened in open session.

DISCUSSION ON CITY MANAGER REPLACEMENT:

- 45060 J. Bruce Woody, City Manager, distributed a copy of a "Request for Proposals (RFP) Executive Search Firm Candidate Search" and a list of "Executive Search Firms." He proposed that if the City Council decided to use a search firm that the City staff could send it out by this Sunday and that the proposals be due in three weeks or March 20. He said the service will most likely cost anywhere from \$22,000 to \$30,000.

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DISCUSSION ON CITY MANAGER REPLACEMENT: (Cont'd)

- 45061 It was moved by Councilmember Roach and seconded by Councilmember Novak that the Human Resources Department issue a request for proposal (RFP) for an executive search firm to conduct a candidate search. Motion carried. Ayes, Davis, Kovac, McMurray, Moore, Myers, Novak, Roach--7. Absent, Blessing, O'Dell--2.

Mayor McMurray asked City staff to get the RFPs out as soon as possible.

Mr. Woody proposed that they be due by March 23, 2020.

Mr. Woody said he has offered the Human Resources Director job to Amy Cohorst.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

None.

CONSENT AGENDA:

None.

NOMINATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS:

None.

BILLS FOR PASSAGE:

None.

EMERGENCY BILL FOR PASSAGE:

None.

RESOLUTIONS FOR ADOPTION:

None.

BILLS FOR FIRST READING:

None.

REPORTS OF BOARDS & COMMISSIONS:

None.

WORK SESSION MINUTES – CITY CLERK’S OFFICE:

None.

REPORTS & RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE CITY MANAGER:

None.

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DELEGATIONS, PETITIONS:

None.

COMMUNICATIONS:

None.

OTHER BUSINESS:

City Manager's Report – None.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None.

ADJOURNMENT:

45062 By general consent, the Council adjourned.

The meeting adjourned at 4:48 p.m.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Paula Heyde". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the typed name of the City Clerk.

Minutes transcribed by Paula Heyde, CMC, City Clerk.