



**MINUTES
SEALY CITY COUNCIL
VIA ZOOM
SEALY, TX 77474
TUESDAY, JANUARY 5, 2021
6:00 P.M.**

1. Call to Order

Mayor Bilski called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

2. Invocation and Pledges of Allegiance

Mayor Bilski gave the Invocation.

3. Roll Call and Certification of a Quorum

Present:

Carolyn Bilski	Mayor
Dee Anne Lerma	Councilmember, Place 1
Chris Noack	Councilmember, Place 2
Sandra Vrablec	Councilmember, Place 3/Mayor Pro tem
Jennifer Sullivan	Councilmember, Place 4
Larry Koy	Councilmember, Place 5
Adam Burttschell	Councilmember, Place 6

Absent:

None

A quorum was declared present.

Staff attending:

Warren Escovy, Assistant City Manager
Brooke Knoll, City Secretary
Tim Kirwin, City Attorney
Melissa Cranford, HR Attorney

4. Proclamations and Special Recognitions

None

5. Petition(s) and/or Request(s) from the Public.

None

6. EXECUTIVE SESSION: A closed meeting will be held concerning the following item(s):

- a. Personnel Matters under Texas Government Code, Section 551.074 (to deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer or employee) – Lloyd Merrell.**

- b. Consultation with Attorney under Texas Government Code, Section 551.071 to seek the advice of its attorney on a matter in which the duty of the attorney to the governmental body under the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct of the State Bar of Texas clearly conflicts with this chapter-namely personnel matters and Lloyd Merrell's Separation Agreement and General Release.**

City Attorney Tim Kirwin said agenda item 6(a) is no longer needed.

The city council recessed open session at 6:03 p.m.

- 7. Reconvene into regular session and consider action, if any, on items discussed in Executive Session.**

The city council reconvened into open session at 7:12 p.m.

Councilman Noack stated, "On December 14, 2020 the council received and accepted the resignation of City Manager Lloyd Merrell and moved that he be placed on paid administrative leave and provided with a separation agreement. As Mr. Merrell has not signed and returned the agreement which was provided to him through our attorney, I now move that the City rejects the proposal that was received today by Mr. Merrell's attorney, waives any notice period owed to him under his employment agreement, that his resignation having been previously accepted now be accelerated, and that his last date of employment be today, January 5, 2021." Councilwoman Sullivan seconded the motion. Mayor Bilski called for the vote:

AYES: Bilski, Lerma, Noack, Vrablec, Sullivan, Koy, Burttshell

NOES: None

The motion carried.

- 8. Requests for future agenda items, comments, and announcements.**

Mayor Bilski

- She said future meetings may need to be held via ZOOM due to the recent COVID-19 spread.

Councilwoman Lerma

- She said she hopes Warren Escovy starts to feel better and thanked Tim Kirwin and Melissa Cranford for their help.

Councilman Noack

- None

Councilwoman Vrablec

- None

Councilwoman Sullivan

- None

Councilman Koy

- He provided staff with a written list of requests for future agenda items.

Councilman Burttschell

- None

9. Adjournment

At 7:21 p.m., Councilwoman Vrablec moved that the city council stand adjourned until the next scheduled meeting. Councilman Koy seconded the motion. Mayor Bilski called for the vote:

AYES: Bilski, Lerma, Noack, Vrablec, Sullivan, Koy, Burttschell

NOES: None

The motion carried.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 19th day of January 2021.

Carolyn Bilski, Mayor

ATTEST:

Brooke Knoll, City Secretary