



TOWN OF HUACHUCA CITY

The Sunset City

MEETING MINUTES OF THE HUACHUCA CITY TOWN COUNCIL SPECIAL SESSION

January 27, 2021 AT 6:00 PM

**COUNCIL CHAMBERS
500 N. GONZALES BLVD.
HUACHUCA CITY, AZ 85616**

SPECIAL NOTICE: BY PROCLAMATION OF THE MAYOR DUE TO THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC, THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL WILL CONDUCT PUBLIC MEETINGS IN A REMOTE ACCESS FORMAT. THESE MEETINGS WILL BE LIVE-STREAMED. MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC MAY ATTEND THESE MEETINGS BY GOING TO [OR CALLING TO]: <https://www.facebook.com/HuachucaCityAZ> or 520-844-2096. IN ADDITION, THE MAYOR HAS TEMPORARILY SUSPENDED CALLS TO THE PUBLIC AT THESE MEETINGS. HOWEVER, MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC MAY SUBMIT WRITTEN COMMENTS TO THE TOWN CLERK TWENTY-FOUR HOURS IN ADVANCE OF THE MEETING. ADVANCE NOTICE OF THESE MEETINGS CAN BE FOUND AT THE TOWN'S USUAL AGENDA POSTING LOCATIONS INCLUDING THE TOWN'S WEBSITE <https://huachucacityaz.gov/>

AGENDA

A. Call to Order – Mayor 6pm

- a. Pledge of Allegiance
- b. Roll Call and Ascertain Quorum

Any prayer/invocation that may be offered before the start of regular Council business shall be the voluntary offering of a private citizen, for the benefit of the Council and the citizens present. The views or beliefs expressed by the prayer/invocation speaker have not been previously reviewed or approved by the Council, and the Council does not endorse the religious beliefs or views of this, or any other speaker. A list of volunteers is maintained by the Town Clerk's Office and interested persons should contact the Town Clerk's Office for further information.

Roll Call.

Present: Johann Wallace, Donna Johnson (phone in), Cynthia Butterworth, Christy Hirshberg, Debbie Trate, Suzanne Harvey (Not voting), Brandye Thorpe (Not voting), Thomas Benavidez, Attorney (Not voting, phone in).

Absent: Jean Post.

B. Call to the Public – Mayor TEMPORARILY SUSPENDED – WRITTEN COMMENTS MAY BE SUBMITTED TO THE TOWN CLERK

A.R.S. 38-431.01 states the Public Body may make an open call to the public during a public meeting, subject to reasonable time, place and manner restrictions, to allow individuals to address the public body on any issue within the jurisdiction of the Public Body. At the conclusion of an open call to the public, individual members of the Public Body may respond to criticism made by those who have addressed the Public Body, may ask staff to review a matter or may ask that a matter be put on a future agenda. However, members of the Public Body shall not discuss or take legal action on matters raised during an open call to the public unless the matters are properly noticed for discussion and legal action.

C. New Business Before Council - Mayor

Public comment **TEMPORARILY SUSPENDED – WRITTEN COMMENTS MAY BE SUBMITTED TO THE TOWN CLERK** will be taken at the beginning of each agenda item, after the subject has been announced by the Mayor and explained by staff. Any citizen, who wishes, may speak one time for five minutes on each agenda item before or after Council discussion. Questions from Council Members, however, may be directed to staff or a member of the public through the Mayor at any time.

C.1 Discussion [Mayor Wallace]: Council will interview candidates for the vacant Councilmember seat.

Motion: Item C.1, **Action:** Open for Discussion and/or Action, **Moved by** Johann Wallace, **Seconded by** Cynthia Butterworth.

Mayor Wallace asks how many candidates there were and who is present. He also asks if the other candidates were advised of the interviews and if anyone had provided notice that they would not be attending.

Town Clerk Thorpe advises there were four candidates, Keith Settlemeier and Gabriel Bonilla are present and one other candidate advised they would not be able to make it due to an emergency.

Council begins by interviewing Mr. Bonilla, then Mr. Settlemeier. They are each asked the same 6 questions.

Mayor Wallace asks Town Clerk Thorpe to verify that the other candidate hasn't shown up. Town Clerk Thorpe goes to check and confirms that no other candidates have arrived. Both candidates are allowed back into the room.

C.2 Discussion and Action [Mayor Wallace]: The Council might take action to select and swear-in one of the candidates to fill the vacant seat on the Council to serve until the general election in November, 2022. If the Council does not select one of the candidates to fill the vacant seat, the Council might direct staff concerning further advertising and recruitment activities.

Motion: Item C.2, **Action:** Open for Discussion and/or Action, **Moved by** Johann Wallace, **Seconded by** Christy Hirshberg.

Mayor Wallace advises Council that they can choose to appoint one of the applicants tonight or reschedule interviews with the two candidates that were unable to come. He also asks if all of the candidates were provided with copies of the Open Meeting Law.

Town Clerk Thorpe confirms that they were provided with copies the day before.

Councilmember Hirshberg asks if there was a candidate who had an emergency. She asks Attorney Benavidez if they should pick from the currently present candidates or wait until they can interview the other two.

Attorney Benavidez advises that it is not really a legal question. It is at Council's pleasure. If they want to wait to hear from the other candidates, they can do that. There is no legal obligation to wait.

Mayor Wallace advises that they can postpone until the next meeting or decide tonight.

Councilmember Butterworth asks if the candidate who gave notice advised if it would be a long term issue.

Town Clerk Thorpe advises she does not know the details.

Councilmember Trate asks if the other candidate who was supposed to be there had made any contact.

Town Clerk Thorpe advised they did not. She spoke to the candidate earlier in the day and was told she would be here for the meeting.

Mayor Pro Tem Johnson would like to just pick someone tonight.

Motion: Select Mr. Settlemeyer to fill the vacant Council seat., **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Johann Wallace, **Seconded by** Cynthia Butterworth.
Motion passed unanimously.

D. Adjournment

Motion: 6:23pm, Action: Adjourn, Moved by Johann Wallace, Seconded by Christy Hirshberg.
Motion passed unanimously.

Approved by Mayor Johann R. Wallace on February 11, 2021.

Mr. Johann R. Wallace
Mayor

Attest: _____
Ms. Brandye Thorpe,
Town Clerk

Seal:

Certification

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the Minutes of the Meeting for the Huachuca City Town Council held on January 27, 2021. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and a quorum was present.

Ms. Brandye Thorpe,
Town Clerk

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