



COUNCIL STUDY SESSION MINUTES

Tuesday March 22, 2022

1. Call to Order Time: 6:00pm
2. Old Business
3. New Business

A. Discussion of Stipend Increase pay for council members

There was some explanation from the City Attorney about the RCW that would not allow for council members to benefit from an increase of pay until their term is over. Mayor Ruelas asked every council member if they had any further questions or discussion. There were no further questions or discussions.

B. Discussion of **Resolution 2022-7 Authorizing the Mayor to contract with _____ for Tree Trimming Services.**

Mayor Ruelas discussed the estimates that were passed out on the last council meeting. There was a comment from council member Vera who stated one of the estimates were hard to see. It was explained that the estimate was for Twenty-two thousand dollars and it was the total for both parks.

There were comments from council member Andy who suggested getting three more quotes.

Mayor Ruelas did inform Council of the three estimates she received were 32,000, 22,000, and 11,000.

Council member Andy wanted to clarify the number of trees getting serviced since some estimates had more than others. Council member Andy wanted to recheck the estimates before voting.

Mayor Ruelas then agreed to table this resolution and it would be discussed again at the next council meeting.

C. Discussion of **Resolution 2022-8 The City of Mabton Authorizing the Mayor to Sign the Employment Agreement with Eduardo Garcia for The Position of Police Chief**

There was a question from Council Member Vera who asked if there was a contract for the hiring of Eduardo. It was then confirmed that the contract was included on the council packet given to them and that on part three included the salary for the position.

There was a request from Council Member Arturo who wanted Eduardo to introduce himself and give a little background before discussion.

We heard from Eduardo who stated he had started his law enforcement career back in 1995 as a reserve deputy with the Yakima County Sheriff's Department for eight months. Eduardo also worked for the courthouse at Yakima County, more of a limited commission and he began testing and got hired with the Granger Police Department in December of 1996. Eduardo spend three years in the Drug Task Force and tested at Yakima County where he spent five months, then went back to Granger for eight months. Eduardo got hired with the Richland Police Department in 2003 and spent eighteen years there. Eduardo explain his retirement in December of 2020 and is now here applying to be the City of Mabton's Chief of Police.

There were no further questions or discussion.

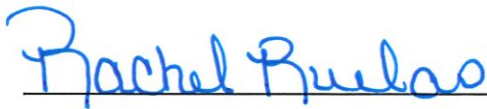
4. Executive Session: Start Time: 6:11pm End Time: _____

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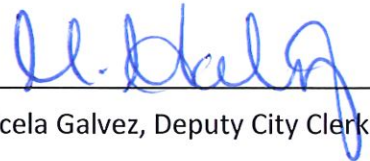
The City Council intends on taking Action or No Action upon reconvening the council city agenda

There was additional time needed. Executive Session was extended for ten more minutes. There was no action taken.

5. Adjournment: Time: 6:39pm



Rachel Ruelas, Mayor



Maricela Galvez, Deputy City Clerk

