

**CITY OF COLUMBIA FALLS  
CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING  
CITY MANAGER CANDIDATE INTERVIEWS  
HELD JULY 23, 2024 AT 11:00 AM AND 1:00 PM**

**ROLL CALL:** Councilor Piper, Councilor Shepard, Councilor Price, Councilor Robinson, Councilor King and Mayor Barnhart. Absent: Councilor Lovering.

Also present: City Clerk Staaland, Deputy City Attorney Breck, Fire Chief Weeks and Finance Director Bates.

**CITY MANAGER CANDIDATE INTERVIEWS - 11:00 AM AND 1:00 PM**

Council will recess in between candidate interviews.

Mayor Barnhart and Council conducted an interview with Mr. Ben Billingsley.

After the interview with Mr. Billingsley, Mayor Barnhart closed the Executive Session for Council deliberations as the individual's right to privacy exceeds the public's right to know.

Mayor Barnhart reopened the meeting at 1:00 p.m.

Mayor and Council conducted the second interview with Mr. Clint Peters.

After the interview with Mr. Peters, Mayor Barnhart closed the Executive Session for Council deliberations as the individual's right to privacy exceeds the public's right to know.

Mayor Barnhart reopened the meeting at 2:53 p.m.

Councilor King motioned to move forward with Mr. Billingsley contingent on a successful background check, seconded by Councilor Piper and the motion carried unanimously.

Councilor Piper made motion to contract with the City Attorney's office to assist in the City Manager hiring process at a rate of \$225 per hour for June and July, seconded by Councilor Robinson and the motion carried unanimously.

**ADJOURN:** The meeting adjourned at 3:05 p.m.

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Mayor Barnhart

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City Clerk