



MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL SESSION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL

TUESDAY, JUNE 25, 2024 AT 6:00 PM

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COUNCIL ROOM, MUNICIPAL BUILDING, 450 S. MAIN ST., RICHLAND CENTER, WI 53581

CALL TO ORDER: Meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM by Mayor Coppernoll.

Members present were Ron Fruit, Karin Tepley, Tom McCarthy, Mark Chambers, Melony Walters, Kevin Melby, Steve Downs, and Ryan Cairns.

CLOSED SESSION to Update Council on past personnel concerns, ongoing personnel investigation, and report on Utility Commission concerns.

Attorney Windle clarified the ongoing personnel investigation was initiated at the request of Administrator Oliphant in response to the concerns that she had received regarding the environment of city employment.

Motion to move into closed session made by Alderperson Downs. Seconded by Alderperson Tepley. Motion carried 8-0 at 6:02PM.

****CLOSED SESSION****

Motion by Alderperson Walters to reconvene into open session. Seconded by Alderperson Tepley. Motion carried 8-0 at 11:18PM.

DISCUSSION & POSSIBLE ACTION ON COUNCIL OVERSIGHT OF THE UTILITY COMMISSION

Attorney Windle explained the operation of the Utility (employment, compensation, etc) was not subject to any discussion. Rather, only the function of the Utility Commission as part of the comprehensive review of committee structure was considered. Based on that process and his personal experience, Attorney Windle recommended three options for consideration with option three being his strong recommendation.

1. Remove the City Administrator
2. Remove all members of the Utility Commission
3. Dissolve the Utility Commission

After an extensive discussion, the Common Council elected to take no action but welcomed public comment at their next regularly scheduled meeting on July 2, 2024.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Alderperson Tepley to adjourn. Seconded by Alderperson Downs Motion carried 8-0 at 11:22PM.

Minutes recorded by Ashley Oliphant