

**MINUTES**

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL SESSION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BISBEE, COUNTY OF COCHISE, AND STATE OF ARIZONA, HELD ON TUESDAY, AUGUST 3, 2021 AT 5:00 PM AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS LOCATED AT 915 S. TOVREAVILLE ROAD, BISBEE, AZ 85603.

THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER BY MAYOR BUDGE AT 5:05 PM.

ROLL CALL

**COUNCIL**

Councilmember Louis Pawlik, Ward III  
Councilmember Joni Giacomino, Ward II  
Councilmember Frank Davis, Ward I  
Mayor Ken Budge  
Councilmember Leslie Johns, Ward I  
VACANT, Ward II  
Councilmember Anna Cline, Ward III, Mayor Pro Tempore

**STAFF**

Stephen J. Pauken, City Manager  
Ashlee Coronado, City Clerk  
Jesus Haro, Public Works Director  
Albert Echave, Police Chief

**CITY ATTORNEY**

Joseph Estes

THE FOLLOWING ITEMS WERE DISCUSSED AND/OR CONSIDERED AT THESE MEETINGS:

1. Interviews by the Mayor and Council of the Candidates for the Vacant Ward II Council Seat.
  - Melhem Sowid
  - Larry Stone
  - Teresa Reyna
  - Jeffery Harris
  - Meggen Connolley
  - Sally Holcomb

Ken Budge, Mayor

Mayor Budge informed the public that 5 candidates would be interviewed this evening. Meggen Connolley had elected to remove her name.

Mayor and Council publicly interviewed the five candidates for the vacant Council seat. Each member of Council asked one question to the candidates.

2. Discussion and Possible Approval of a Motion to go into Executive Session Pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.03. (1) to discuss and consider the Appointment of a Council Member for the Vacant Ward II Council Seat as Authorized by ARS § 38-431.03(a)(1).

*Per ARS § 38-431.03(a)(1), the City Council may vote to go into executive session for discussion or consideration of employment, assignment, appointment, promotion, demotion, dismissal, salaries, disciplining or resignation of a public officer, appointee or employee of any public body.*

Ken Budge, Mayor

MOTION: Mayor Budge moved to enter into Executive Session as Authorized by ARS § 38-431.03(a)(1).

SECOND: Councilmember Giacomino

MOTION PASSED: UNANIMOUSLY

MOTION: Mayor Budge moved to come out of Executive Session

SECOND: Councilmember Davis

MOTION PASSED: UNANIMOUSLY

- 3. Discussion and Possible Approval of the Appointment of the Council Member for the Vacant Ward II Council Seat.

Ken Budge, Mayor

MOTION: Councilmember Davis moved to approve the appointment of Melhem Sowid as Councilmember for the vacant Ward II position.

SECOND: Councilmember Pawlik

ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: Councilmember Pawlik, Giacomino, Davis, Johns, Cline and Mayor Budge.

NAYS: 0

MOTION PASSED: AYES -6; NAYS -0

MOTION: Mayor Budge moved to adjourn the meeting.

SECOND: Councilmember Davis

MOTION PASSED: UNANIMOUSLY

ADJOURNMENT: 6:58 PM

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Anna Cline, Mayor Pro Tempore