

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES  
SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
FEBRUARY 29, 2016 AT 6:00 PM

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Barna called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

**2. INVOCATION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mayor Barna gave the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**3. ROLL CALL & CERTIFICATION OF A QUORUM**

City Secretary Susie Quinn certified a quorum with the following Councilmembers present:

Mayor Eric Barna  
Mayor Pro Tem Scott Bradley  
Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Owais Siddiqui  
Councilmember Ben St. Clair  
Councilmember Betty Nichols Spraggins  
Councilmember Sarah Fincanon  
Councilmember Rob Thomas

**4. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

No Public Comments were presented.

**5. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

In accordance with Texas Government Code, Chapter 551, Subchapter D, the City Council recessed into Executive Session (closed meeting) at 6:01 p.m. to discuss the following:

- A. §551.074 Deliberation regarding the appointment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline or dismissal of the City Manager.

**6. RECONVENE INTO REGULAR SESSION**

The City Council reconvened into Regular Session at 7:27 p.m., pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 551, Subchapter D, Texas Government Code, to take any action necessary regarding:

- A. §551.074 Deliberation regarding the appointment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline or dismissal of the City Manager.
- B. Take Action on any Executive Session Items.

The following three motions were made following Executive Session:

***COUNCIL ACTION:***

Mayor Pro Tem Scott Bradley moved to accept the resignation of City Manager James Fisher effective March 1, 2016, to give notice to the City Manager to pursue a severance in accordance with the employment contract in place and to authorize the

***APPROVED***

City Attorney to negotiate a severance agreement per the current employment contract in place. Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Owais Siddiqui seconded the motion. For: Unanimous. The motion carried by a vote of 7 to 0.

**COUNCIL ACTION:**

**APPROVED**

Mayor Pro Tem Bradley moved to appoint Fire Chief Mark Lee as Acting City Manager until an interim City Manager can be selected. Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Owais Siddiqui seconded the motion. For: Unanimous. The motion carried by a vote of 7 to 0.

**COUNCIL ACTION:**

**APPROVED**

Mayor Pro Tem Bradley moved to authorize the Mayor to initiate a search for an interim City Manager, candidates to bring to Council for approval and appointment. Councilmember Fincanon seconded the motion. For: Unanimous. The motion carried by a vote of 7 to 0.

Mayor Barna read a statement explaining the Council has accepted the resignation of City Manager Fisher and plans for the transition to a new City Manager. He continued recognizing City Manager James Fisher's leadership skills. He thanked City Manager Fisher for all his accomplishments and his service. He thanked him as Mayor and as a resident of Murphy.

**10. ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business, the regular council meeting was adjourned at 7:29 PM.



ATTEST:

  
Susie Quinn, City Secretary

APPROVED BY:



Eric Barna, Mayor