
CITY OF MILTON-FREEWATER GOVERNING BODY

Damien Reino At Large, Position 1
Steve Irving - Council President At Large, Position 2
Wes Koklich At Large, Position 3

Lewis S. Key Mayor
John Lyon Ward 1
Bradley J. Humbert Ward 2
Jose Garcia Ward 3

CITY OF MILTON-FREEWATER
CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL SESSION MINUTES

October 20, 2023

The Council of the City of Milton-Freewater met in Special Session on October 20, 2023 in the Albee Room of the City Library, 8 SW 8th Avenue at 1:00 p.m.

The following members were present: Mayor Lewis Key, Councilors Brad Humbert, Steve Irving, Jose Garcia, Damien Reino, Wes Koklich and John Lyon. Councilor Jose Garcia arrived at 1:08 p.m.

Staff members present were: City Manager Linda Hall, City Recorder Leanne Steadman and Human Resource Officer Wendi Daugherty.

Guests and citizens present were: Patty Key, Paul Seaquist, Kay West, Frank Millar, Tammy Seaquist, Randy Reese, Markie McRae, Mike Beeson, Gail Beeson, Joe Shurtz, Jason Schaffner, and Tracy Martinez.

Representing the news media were: Sherrie Widmer of the Valley Herald and Sheila Hagar of the East Oregonian.

BUSINESS ITEM:

RECRUITING AGENCY OPTIONS FOR THE EXECUTIVE RECRUITMENT OF THE CITY MANAGER POSITION

City Manager Linda Hall provided the City Council with three recruiting agency proposals for the executive recruitment of her replacement. The three agencies were Prothman, WBCP and Jensen Strategies. Manager Hall reviewed the agencies and the level of service they offered for an executive recruitment.

A discussion ensued regarding the agency services, candidate travel expenses, candidate guarantee, citizen and staff involvement in the process, etc.

There was consensus among the council that they want to review all applicant applications.

There were citizens in attendance that spoke in favor of hiring an agency to perform a full recruitment as they see the position of City Manager as a very important position for the city and community.

Councilor Reino motioned to authorize City Manager Hall to negotiate with Prothman to do a full recruitment for the City Manager position. Councilor Humbert seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 1:39 p.m.

Lewis S. Key, Mayor