

The Franklin City Council held a Special Called Meeting on Monday, July 22, 2008 at 8:15 p.m. in Council Chambers, 207 W. Second Avenue.

Council members in attendance: James P. Councill, III, Mayor, Vice Mayor Raystine Johnson, Barry Cheatham, Benny Burgess, Rosa Lawrence, Mary Hilliard and Mark Fetherolf. ABSENT: none.

Staff Present: H. Taylor Williams, IV, City Attorney, Erin Turner, Executive Assistant, Russ Pace, Director of Public Works, Chad Edwards, Deputy Director of Public Works, Mark Carr, Deputy Chief of Emergency Services, Brenda Rickman, Commissioner of the Revenue, Carolyn Joyner, Personnel Manager and Sandy Holloman, Voter Registrar.

Closed Session

On motion made by Ms. Johnson and seconded by Mrs. Lawrence it was unanimously RESOLVED that Council meet in closed session to discuss and consider candidates for employment as Interim City Manager and Network and Systems Administrator as permitted by Virginia Code Section 2.2-3711(A)(1). The vote on this motion was as follows: AYE: Mr. Cheatham, Mr. Burgess, Mrs. Lawrence, Ms. Johnson, Mrs. Hilliard, Mr. Fetherolf and Mr. Councill.

Certification

On motion made by Mr. Fetherolf and seconded by Mrs. Hilliard, it was unanimously RESOLVED that City Council hereby certifies that to the best of the knowledge of each member only public business matters identified in the motion which the closed meeting was convened were discussed, heard or considered. The vote on this motion was as follows: AYE: Mr. Cheatham, Mr. Burgess, Mrs. Lawrence, Ms. Johnson, Mr. Fetherolf, Mrs. Hilliard and Mr. Councill.

On motion made by Mr. Burgess and seconded by Mr. Cheatham, June Fleming was hired to fill the position of Interim City Manager with an effective date of July 28, 2008 for an indeterminate period of time. The vote on this motion was as follows: AYE: Mr. Cheatham, Mr. Burgess, Mrs. Lawrence, Ms. Johnson, Mrs. Hilliard, Mr. Fetherolf and Mr. Councill.

On motion made by Mr. Burgess and seconded by Mr. Fetherolf, Council waived the hiring freeze for the position of Network and Systems Administrator. The vote on this motion was as follows: AYE: Mr. Cheatham, Mr. Burgess, Mrs. Lawrence, Ms. Johnson, Mrs. Hilliard, Mr. Fetherolf and Mr. Councill.

Adjournment

There being no further business, on motion duly made, seconded and unanimously adopted the meeting was adjourned at 10:30 P.M. The vote on this motion was as follows: The vote on this motion was as follows: AYE: Mr. Cheatham, Mr. Burgess, Mrs. Lawrence, Ms. Johnson, Mrs. Hilliard, Mr. Fetherolf and Mr. Councill.