

**MINUTES OF SPECIAL COUNCIL & BUDGET WORKSHOP  
AUGUST 15, 2017**

The Bastrop City Council met in a Special Council Meeting and Budget Workshop on Tuesday, August 15, 2017, at 6:30 p.m. at the Bastrop City Hall Council Chambers, located at 1311 Chestnut Street, Bastrop, Texas. Members present for the Bastrop City Council were: Mayor Schroeder, Mayor Pro Tem Schiff, and Council Members Jones, Ennis and Nelson. Officers present were: City Manager Lynda Humble and City Secretary Ann Franklin.

**CALL TO ORDER**

At 6:30 p.m. Mayor Schroeder called the meeting to order with a quorum being present. Council Member Peterson was absent.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**The City Council met at 6:33 p.m. in a closed/executive session pursuant to the Texas Government Code, Chapter 551, et seq, to discuss the following:**

- 2A. City Council shall convene into closed executive session pursuant to Section 551.074 of the Texas Government Code to discuss and deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of the City Attorney.

**The Bastrop City Council reconvened at 7:35 p.m. into open (public) session.**

**TAKE ANY NECESSARY OR APPROPRIATE ACTION ON MATTERS POSTED FOR CONSIDERATION IN CLOSED/EXECUTIVE SESSION**

A motion was made by Council Member Ennis to approve the resignation of David Bragg, seconded by Council Member Nelson, motion was approved on a 4-0 vote. Council Member Peterson was absent.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Schiff and seconded by Council Member Ennis to appoint Joe Gorfida, Partner with Nichols Jackson Dillard Hagar and Smith, L.L.P., a full-service public-sector law firm in Dallas, Texas representing municipalities and other governmental agencies, to serve as Interim City Attorney while the City conducts a Request for Qualification (RFQ) process to hire a permanent replacement and authorize the City Manager to execute an engagement letter. The motion was approved on a 4-0 vote. Council Member Peterson was absent.

Mayor Schroeder stated into the record for clarification, "The Council did not want to give any firm in Central Texas, who may be interested in becoming the City's Attorney an unfair advantage of serving as Interim City Attorney, while submitting a RFQ for the permanent position. The City Council is committed to providing the citizens we were elected to represent with open and transparent government. Technology, such as Dropbox and Skype, provides the City the opportunity to utilize Mr. Gorfida and his firm's knowledge and experience of municipal government, without having the unnecessary expense of travel. Mr. Gorfida will be available via teleconference for any executive session required prior to hiring a permanent City Attorney,"

A motion was made by Council Member Nelson to direct the City Manager to conduct a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) process for a new City Attorney, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Schiff, motion was approved on a 4-0 vote. Council Member Peterson was absent.

Mayor Schroeder stated the RFQ would be released on Wednesday, August 16, 2017, Council will be reviewing the RFQ in detail the evening of August 15, 2017 and the morning of August 16, 2017. All RFQ responses will be due on Wednesday, September 13, 2017 at 2:00 p.m.; at a Special City Council meeting on September 19, 2017, City Council will review the responses and select a short-list of firms to interview; and on September 26, 2017, City Council will conduct interviews and select a finalist. City Council has established a target date of October 10, 2017 to appoint a City Attorney and approve a contract.

A motion was made by Council Member Jones to reassign all existing cases for the City to Law Firms in Central Texas as follows, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Schiff, motion was approved on a 4-0 vote. Council Member Peterson was absent.

LEGAL CASE/MATTER	SPECIAL COUNSEL
Settlement Agreement involving Rhonda & Scottie Vandiver	Alan Bojorquez Bojorquez Law Firm, PC
XS Ranch Fund VI, LP Case No. 16-31367 Case pending in United States Bankruptcy Court, Northern District of California	George Hyde Russell Rodriguez Hyde Bullock, LLP
Settlement of property owners regarding appeal of property owners involved in Water Permit Litigations known as McCall Ranch	Charlie Zech Denton Navarro Rocha Bernal Hyde & Zech Law Firm, P.C.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Schiff to table action on the Ethics Ordinance until the new City Attorney is hired in October, seconded by Council Member Nelson, motion was approved on a 4-0 vote. Council Member Peterson was absent.

## WORK SESSION

Mayor Schroeder opened the work session at 7:41 p.m.


- 4A. Discuss Proposed FY 2018 Budget  
No discussion.

Mayor Schroeder closed the work session at 7:42 p.m.

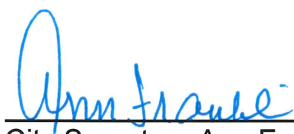
## ADJOURNMENT

Adjourned at 7:43 p.m. without objection.

APPROVED:

  
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Mayor Connie B. Schroeder

ATTEST:

  
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City Secretary Ann Franklin

The Minutes were approved on September 12, 2017, by Council Member Nelson's motion, Council Member Ennis' second. The motion was approved on a 3-0 vote. Mayor Pro Tem Schiff and Council Member Jones were absent.