

Proceedings of the Special Ironwood City Commission Meeting

A Special Meeting of the Ironwood City Commission was held on Friday, August 26, 2022, at 3:30 P.M. in person.

The purpose of the special meeting is to conduct interviews for a new City Manager for the City of Ironwood.

1. Mayor Corcoran called the Special Meeting to Order at 3:30 P.M.

2. Recording of the Roll.

PRESENT: Commissioner Andresen, Korpela, Mildren, Semo, and Mayor Corcoran.

ABSENT: None.

3. Citizens wishing to address the Commission regarding the process. (Three Minute Limit)

There were none.

4. Conduct interviews of candidates for the City Manager position.

Candidate Melissa Fields-Allgeyer was interviewed beginning at 3:31 p.m. and ending at 4:44 p.m.

Break taken from 4:44 p.m. until 4:51 p.m.

Candidate George Delimba was interviewed beginning at 4:51 p.m. and ending at 6:08 p.m.

Break taken from 6:09 p.m. until 6:13 p.m.

5. Public comments by citizens wishing to address the Commission regarding interviews for the City Manager position. (Three Minute Limit)

Matthew Sterbenz, citizen of the City of Ironwood, spoke after watching all interviews over the two-day time period. He believed some individuals interviewed better than others. He stated a hard decision to make is ahead for the Commissioners. He noted he is the Lieutenant for Ironwood Public Safety which entails many duties. From his experience, he believes some of the job duties need to be separated for the City Manager position. We are currently accomplishing more separating the City Engineer and City Manager positions. Someone needs to put time into our area and be passionate about our area to benefit us. He respected the fact that the MML was brought in to help with the process of picking a City Manager. He feels one individual stood out more than others.

Commissioner Mildren noted the experience with the five candidates will make everyone a better commissioner. It is a hard decision after having Scott Erickson serve in the position for the past years.

6. Discuss and consider conditional offer of employment for City Manager and direct the MML to conduct a complete background investigation of the candidate.

A straw poll vote was taken. The two top-ranked candidates for each Commissioner were noted as follows:

Commissioner Andresen:	1. Paul Anderson	2. Andrew DiGiorgio
Commissioner Korpela:	1. George Delimba	2. Andrew DiGiorgio
Commissioner Mildren:	1. Paul Anderson	2. Andrew DiGiorgio
Commissioner Semo:	1. Andrew DiGiorgio	2. Paul Anderson
Mayor Corcoran:	1. Paul Anderson	2. Andrew DiGiorgio

Facilitator Glenn Anderson collected and announced the results. Discussion of the results took place with the Commissioners.

***Motion** was made by Mildren, seconded by Andresen, to extend a conditional offer of employment as City Manager to Paul Anderson and direct the MML to conduct a complete background investigation of Paul Anderson. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.*

7. Discuss and consider motion to authorize the Mayor, City Attorney, and Finance Director/Treasurer to initiate discussions with Paul Anderson on terms for a mutually acceptable employment agreement. Such agreement will be presented to the full City Commission for approval.

***Motion** was made by Semo, seconded by Mildren, to authorize the Mayor, City Attorney, and Finance Director/Treasurer to initiate discussions with Paul Anderson on terms for a mutually acceptable employment agreement. Such agreement will be presented to the full City Commission for approval. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.*

8. Adjournment.

***Motion** was made by Semo, seconded by Korpela, and carried to adjourn the meeting at 6:33 p.m.*

Kim S. Corcoran, Mayor

Wendy L. Hagstrom, City Clerk