

April 14, 2023

CITY OF GUNNISON COUNCIL
SPECIAL SESSION

8:15 A.M.

The Gunnison City Council Special Session meeting was called to order on Friday, April 14, 2023, at 8:25 a.m. by Mayor Diego Plata in the downstairs conference room, located at 201 W. Virginia Avenue in Gunnison, Colorado. Present in the downstairs conference room were Mayor Diego Plata, Mayor Pro Tem Mallory Logan, Councilor Boe Freeburn, Councilor Jim Gelwicks, executive recruitment consultant Andrew Gorgey of Columbia, Ltd., and City Clerk Erica Boucher. A Council quorum was present.

Council Action Item.

Executive Session. Mayor Pro Tem Logan moved to go into Executive Session to consider personnel matters, pursuant to C.R.S. §24-6-402(4)(f) and not involving any specific employees who have requested discussion of the matter in open session, specifically to interview City Manager candidates. Councilor Gelwicks seconded the motion.

Roll call, yes: Freeburn, Logan, Plata, and Gelwicks. So carried.

Roll call, no: None.

As the presiding officer, Mayor Plata opened the executive session on Friday, April 14, 2023, at 8:26 a.m. for the purpose of considering personnel matters pursuant to C.R.S. §24-6-402(4)(f), specifically to interview City Manager candidates. Present in the executive session were Mayor Diego Plata, Mayor Pro Tem Mallory Logan, Councilor Boe Freeburn, Councilor Jim Gelwicks executive recruitment consultant Andrew Gorgey of Columbia, Ltd., and City Clerk Erica Boucher. Mayor Plata stated that the executive session will be electrically recorded. Mayor Plata also stated that Council will be taking breaks between candidate interviews but will remain in executive session and that he will announce who is in the room at the beginning of each interview. Mayor Plata cautioned participants to confine all discussion to the stated purpose of the executive session and that no formal action may occur in the executive session. He instructed participants that if, at any point in the executive session, any participant believed that the discussion was going outside the proper scope of the executive session, they should interrupt the discussion and make an objection. He then asked City Clerk Erica Boucher to leave the room, which she did. City Manager candidate Amanda Wilson entered the executive session in the downstairs conference room.

At 1:25 p.m., Mayor Plata requested that the City Clerk return to meeting. She did. He attested that the meeting recording reflected the actual contents of the discussion at the executive session and had been made in lieu of any written minutes to satisfy the recording requirements of the Open Meeting Law. Mayor Plata stated that Council interviewed four City Manager candidates. They were Amanda Wilson, Miranda Fisher, Jarrod Biggs, and Michelle Metteer. The recording will be retained for a 90-day period. Mayor Plata asked if any person who participated in the executive session believed that substantial discussion of any matters not included in the motion to go into executive session occurred during the executive session, or that if any improper action occurred during the executive session in violation of the Open Meetings Law, he asked them to state their concerns for the record. Hearing none, Council returned to the special session at 1:29 p.m.

Council took a recess and returned to the special session at 1:34 p.m.

Executive Session. Councilor Gelwicks moved to go into executive session to consider personnel matters, pursuant to C.R.S. §24-6-402(4)(f) and not involving any specific employees who have requested discussion of the matter in open session, specifically for the purpose of discussing City Manager candidates and the selection of a City Manager finalist for negotiations.

Mayor Pro Tem Logan seconded the motion.

Roll call, yes: Freeburn, Logan, Plata, and Gelwicks. So carried.

Roll call, no: None.

As the presiding officer, Mayor Plata opened the executive session on Friday, April 14, 2023, at 1:34 p.m. for the purpose of considering personnel matters pursuant to C.R.S. §24-6-402(4)(f),

specifically for the purpose of discussing City Manager candidates and the selection of a City Manager finalist for negotiations. Present in the executive session were Mayor Diego Plata, Mayor Pro Tem Mallory Logan, Councilor Boe Freeburn, Councilor Jim Gelwicks, executive recruitment consultant Andrew Gorgey of Columbia, Ltd., Acting City Manager/Finance Director Ben Cowan, City Attorney Kathy Fogo, and City Clerk Erica Boucher. Mayor Plata cautioned participants to confine all discussion to the stated purpose of the executive session and that no formal action may occur in the executive session. He instructed participants that if, at any point in the executive session, any participant believed that the discussion was going outside the proper scope of the executive session, they should interrupt the discussion and make an objection. He then asked City Clerk Erica Boucher to leave the room, which she did.


At 1:39 p.m. City of Gunnison Court Clerk, Laura Stanley, was asked to attend the executive session to present the stakeholder feedback to Council. She exited the room at 1:50 p.m. At 1:52 p.m., City Clerk Erica Boucher was asked to attend the executive session to present the public's feedback to Council. She exited the room at 1:53 p.m.

At 2:52 p.m., Mayor Plata requested that the City Clerk return to the meeting. She did. Present in the executive session were Mayor Diego Plata, Mayor Pro Tem Mallory Logan, Councilor Boe Freeburn, Councilor Jim Gelwicks, Andrew Gorgey of Columbia, Ltd., Acting City Manager/Finance Director Ben Cowan, and City Attorney Kathy Fogo. For a limited time City Clerk Erica Boucher and Court Clerk Laura Stanley were in the executive session. He attested that the meeting recording reflected the actual contents of the discussion at the executive session and had been made in lieu of any written minutes to satisfy the recording requirements of the Open Meeting Law. The recording will be retained for a 90-day period. Mayor Plata asked if any person who participated in the executive session believed that substantial discussion of any matters not included in the motion to go into executive session occurred during the executive session, or that if any improper action occurred during the executive session in violation of the Open Meetings Law, he asked them to state their concerns for the record. Hearing none, Mayor Plata closed the executive session at 2:54 p.m. and returned to the special session.

Mayor Plata directed Andrew Gorgey to negotiate with the discussed candidate.

The special session was adjourned at 2:54 p.m.

Attest:


 City Clerk, Deputy




 Mayor