



**SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SALIDA,
COLORADO, APRIL 21 AT 6:00 P.M. IN CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS.**

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER-

2. ROLL CALL-

Present at roll call were Mayor Jim Dickson and Council members Hal Brown, Mike Bowers, Eileen Rogers, Melodee Hallett, Keith Baker and Tom Yerkey. Also present were City Clerk Betty Schwitzer, City Treasurer Cheryl Brown-Kovacic, City Attorney Karl Hanlon and City Administrator Dara MacDonald.

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Led by Mayor Jim Dickson

Brown motioned to add discussion amongst council arts and recreation department mergers after #5 on agenda. Hallett seconded the motion.

Brown amended his motioned to replace item 6 on the agenda with discussion on department mergers and postpone the work session on the Salida Natural Resource Center Development Corporation until a future date. Hallett seconded the motion. With all in consensus, THE MOTION CARRIED.

4. EXECUTIVE SESSION –

Baker made a motion to adjourn to executive session for a conference with the City attorney for the purpose of receiving legal advice on specific legal questions under C.R.S. Section 24-6-402(4)(b) and for the purpose of determining positions relative to matters that may be subject to negotiations, developing strategy for negotiations, and instructing negotiators, under C.R.S. Section 24-6-402(4) (e).

AND THE FOLLOWING ADDITIONAL DETAILS ARE PROVIDED FOR IDENTIFICATION PURPOSES: (1) specifically to discuss Auxier v. City of Salida et al Case No. 13CV030003 and (2) specifically to discuss Dale Lee v. City of Salida et al. Brown seconded the motion. With all in consensus, THE MOTION CARRIED.

Executive session concluded at 6:50 p.m.

5. REPORT/ACTION ON EXECUTIVE SESSION MATTERS –

Hanlon noted which matters were discussed during the executive session.

Brown motioned to provide direction to city attorney to move forward with the appeal regarding Auxier v. City of Salida et al Case No. 13CV030003. Yerkey seconded the motion. In a 5-1 vote, THE MOTION CARRIED. Hallett had the dissenting vote.

Yerkey motioned to move forward to investigate possible criminal charges in relation to Jeff Auxier. Baker seconded the motion.

Brown clarified that the investigation is regarding the Dale Lee v. City of Salida et al case. Bowers further clarified the investigation is regarding an attempt to influence public officials.

In a 5-1 vote, THE MOTION CARRIED. Hallett had the dissenting vote.

Council closed the special meeting and started the work session.

Brown said that because the discussion of departments merging was not scheduled to be discussed, there will be no decision made tonight. Council discussed the SteamPlant and Salida Recreation department merger.



Mayor

Submitted by Deputy City Clerk, Audrey Gilpin