TOWN OF KEARNY SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF KEARNY, ARIZONA, AT THE KEARNY TOWN HALL LOCATED AT 912-C TILBURY DRIVE ON MONDAY, JANUARY 29, 2021, AT 10:00 A.M.

COUNCILMEMBERS PRESENT

Mayor Jamie Ramsey
Vice Mayor Daniel Radcliffe
Councilmember Rudy Flores
Councilmember David Herrera
Councilmember Nancy Hinoios

Councilmember Samantha Misita (Telephonically)

TOWN STAFF PRESENT

Interim Town Manager/Town Clerk Martina Burnam

Town Attorney Stephen Cooper (Telephonically)

VISITORS PRESENT

Jason Wernett (Telephonically)

CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Ramsey called the meeting to order at 10:04 a.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Mayor Ramsey requested Interim Town Manager/Town Clerk, Martina Burnam, to call the roll. Quorum was present.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Beginning: 10:07 AM

- A. Executive Session Pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.03 (A) (1), (2), (3) and (4) for possible Negotiations and/or Discussion of Employment of Town Manager, including possible discussions of the following:
 - 1. Interviews and Contract Negotiations; or
 - 2. Possible Discussion and Employment of Town Manager; or
 - 3. No Council Action to Appoint, Employ or Set Salary of Town Manager Candidate(s) will be Taken in Executive Session on Above Matters
- B. Legal advice (if requested by Town Council) with Town Attorney on Items above.

Motion by Vice Mayor Daniel Radcliffe, **second** by Councilmember Hinojos to enter into Executive Session for 3 hours. **Vote** — Mayor Jamie Ramsey, Vice Mayor Daniel Radcliffe, Councilmembers Nancy Hinojos, Rudy Flores, Samantha Misita and David Herrera all voted in favor of the motion. **MOTION PASSED.**

Mayor Ramsey instructed town staff to do as directed in Executive Session.

Regular Session 1:00 PM

NEW BUSINESS

TOWN MANAGER INTERVIEWS IF NO EXECUTIVE SESSION REQUESTED

Executive Session was requested.

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INSTRUCT INTERIM TOWN MANAGER AND/OR LEGAL COUNSEL TO PROCEED AS DIRECTED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION

Town Attorney Steve Cooper assisted with proper procedures.

POSSIBLE APPOINTMENT OF TOWN MANAGER AND SETTING SALARY, IF ACTION ON AGENDA ITEM REQUIRES APPOINTMENT OF TOWN MANAGER

Motion by Councilmember Misita, **second** by Councilmember Hinojos to appoint Jason Wernett as Town Manager upon his acceptance of the position setting the salary at \$70,000. **Vote** – Mayor Jamie Ramsey, Vice Mayor Daniel Radcliffe, Councilmembers Nancy Herrera, Rudy Flores, and Samantha Misita all voted in favor of the motion. **MOTION PASSED.**

Town Attorney Cooper offered advice to proceed.

An offer was made to appoint Jason Wernett as Town Manager with salary at \$70,000. He was telephoned and he asked to table this until Monday so that he can discuss this with his family.

Town Attorney Cooper suggested should Mr. Wernett refuse the position have the Town Council today direct Interim Town Manager Burnam to contact the next applicant on the list.

Motion by Councilmember Misita, second by Councilmember Flores should the first candidate refuse the offer of Town Manager direct Interim Town Manager Burnam to contact the next applicant on the approved list at the same salary. Vote — Mayor Jamie Ramsey, Vice Mayor Daniel Radcliffe, Councilmembers Nancy Herrera, Rudy Flores, and Samantha Misita all voted in favor of the motion. MOTION PASSED. Councilmember David Herrera Abstained.

Motion by Vice Mayor Daniel Radcliffe, second by Councilmember Flores to adjourn the meeting. Vote – Mayor Jamie Ramsey, Vice Mayor Daniel Radcliffe, Councilmembers Nancy Hinojos, Rudy Flores, and Samantha Misita all voted in favor of the motion. MOTION PASSED.

<u>ADJOURNMENT</u>

Meeting was adjourned at 1:10 p.m.

ATTEST:

Martina Burnam, Interim Town Manager