

CITY OF COLUMBUS
SPECIAL MEETING
January 23, 2023
5:30 P.M.

ATTENDANCE

The City Council of Columbus, Kansas met Monday, January 23, 2023, at 5:30 p.m. in the City Hall council chambers for a Special Governing Body Meeting presided over by Mayor Grant Spieth. Council members physically present: Kathy Doherty, Stephanie Farstvedt, Tom Pryor, Lindsay Shoemaker. Council member absent: None.

Mayor Spieth opened the meeting by stating: A special meeting of the governing body is hereby called to be held at City Hall Monday, January 23, 2023, at 5:30 p.m., the object of the meeting is to interview and review City Clerk candidates and associated actions for selection/hire offer. This is the only business that can be discussed at tonight's meeting.

Doherty called for a 45-minute executive session at 5:38 p.m. for personnel matters of non-elected personnel to conduct interview for the city clerk position with the Council, Mayor, City Attorney, City Administrator, City Clerk and candidate in attendance. Meeting will reconvene at 6:23 p.m. Pryor seconded the motion. Voting aye: Doherty, Farstvedt, Pryor, Shoemaker. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 4-0.

Regular session 6:23 p.m.
No action taken.

Pryor called for a 30-minute executive session at 6:43 p.m. for personnel matters of non-elected personnel to conduct interview for the city clerk position with the Council, Mayor, City Attorney, City Administrator, City Clerk and candidate in attendance. Meeting will reconvene at 7:13 p.m. Doherty seconded the motion. Voting aye: Doherty, Farstvedt, Pryor, Shoemaker. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 4-0.

Regular session 7:13 p.m.
No action taken.

Shoemaker called for a ten-minute executive session at 7:14 p.m. for personnel matters of non-elected personnel to continue interview discussion with all present in attendance. Meeting will reconvene at 7:24 p.m. Farstvedt seconded the motion. Voting aye: Doherty, Farstvedt, Pryor, Shoemaker. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 4-0.

Regular session 7:24 p.m.
No action taken.

Doherty called for a 30-minute executive session at 7:26 p.m. for personnel matters of non-elected personnel to conduct interview for the city clerk position with the Council, Mayor, City Attorney, City Administrator, City Clerk and candidate in attendance. Meeting will reconvene at 7:56 p.m. Shoemaker seconded the motion. Voting aye: Doherty, Farstvedt, Pryor, Shoemaker. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 4-0.

Regular session 7:56 p.m.
No action taken.

Pryor called for a ten-minute executive session at 7:57 p.m. for personnel matters of non-elected personnel to continue interview discussion with all present in attendance. Meeting will reconvene at 8:07 p.m. Doherty seconded the motion. Voting aye: Doherty, Farstvedt, Pryor, Shoemaker. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 4-0.

Regular session 8:07 p.m.

No action taken.

Mayor Spieth recessed the meeting for 5 minutes until 8:12 p.m.

Regular session 8:12 p.m.

Shoemaker called for a fifteen-minute executive session at 8:16 p.m. for personnel matters of non-elected personnel to discuss candidate interviews with the Council, Mayor, City Attorney, City Administrator, and City Clerk in attendance. Meeting will reconvene at 8:31 p.m. Farstvedt seconded the motion. Voting aye: Doherty, Farstvedt, Pryor, Shoemaker. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 4-0.

Regular session 8:31 p.m.

No action taken.

Shoemaker called for a fifteen-minute executive session at 8:33 p.m. for personnel matters of non-elected personnel to continue candidate interview discussion with all present in attendance. Meeting will reconvene at 8:48 p.m. Farstvedt seconded the motion. Voting aye: Doherty, Farstvedt, Pryor, Shoemaker. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 4-0.

Regular session 8:48 p.m.

No action taken.

Shoemaker called for a twelve-minute executive session at 8:48 p.m. for personnel matters of non-elected personnel to continue candidate interview discussion with all present in attendance. Meeting will reconvene at 9:00 p.m. Farstvedt seconded the motion. Voting aye: Doherty, Farstvedt, Pryor, Shoemaker. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 4-0.

Regular session 9:00 p.m.

Pryor moved to extend an offer of employment to Ruth Hutley for the position of City Clerk with a starting annual salary of \$49,139.00 providing she passes all pre-employment requirements. Doherty seconded the motion. Voting aye: Doherty, Farstvedt, Pryor, Shoemaker. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 4-0.

Shoemaker moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:03 p.m. Farstvedt seconded the motion. Voting aye: Doherty, Farstvedt, Pryor, Shoemaker. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 4-0.


Cherri Chancellor City Clerk

