

AGENDA

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COTTONWOOD, ARIZONA, TO BE HELD OCTOBER 20, 2022, AT 6:00 PM., AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS BUILDING, 826 N. MAIN STREET, COTTONWOOD, AZ.

- I. CALL TO ORDER
- II. ROLL CALL
- III. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION, AND POSSIBLE LEGAL ACTION:
 - 1. INTERVIEWS OF CITY ATTORNEY FINALISTS DUSTIN BIRCH AND ELLEN VAN RIPER. FOLLOWING THE INTERVIEWS, THE COUNCIL MAY DISCUSS THE FINALISTS AND PROVIDE STAFF WITH DIRECTION REGARDING BEGINNING CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS WITH ONE OF THEM. PURSUANT TO ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES SECTION 38-431.03.A.1, THE COUNCIL MAY VOTE TO CONVENE IN EXECUTIVE SESSION TO CONDUCT THE INTERVIEWS AND SUBSEQUENT DISCUSSIONS, SUBJECT TO THE RIGHT OF EACH CANDIDATE TO REQUIRE THEIR INTERVIEWS AND ANY SUBSEQUENT DISCUSSION REGARDING THEIR POSSIBLE APPOINTMENT TO BE HELD IN OPEN SESSION.
- IV. ADJOURNMENT

Pursuant to A.R.S. 38-431.03.(A) the Council may vote to go into executive session on any agenda item pursuant to A.R.S. 38-431.03.(A)(3) Discussion or consultation for legal advice with the attorney or attorneys of the public body.

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City Council Agenda Communication



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| Meeting | October 20, 2022 |
| Date: | |
| Subject: | Interview of City Attorney Finalists and Subsequent Discussion. |
| Department: | HR |
| From: | Amanda Wilber, Human Resources Director |

REQUESTED ACTION

Interview the two finalists for the open City Attorney position, discuss the finalists and give staff direction regarding whether and with whom to begin contract negotiations, and the parameters within which staff should conduct those negotiations. All or part of this process may be conducted in executive session, at Council's discretion and subject to the finalists' consent.

SUGGESTED MOTION

If the Council desires to approve this item the suggested motion is:

BACKGROUND

The City received twelve applications for the City Attorney position. From this pool of twelve applicants, four were selected for preliminary interviews via Zoom. Prior to those Zoom interviews, one of the candidates withdrew from the process. Following the interviews of the three remaining candidates, two were selected for in-person interviews with staff and Council.

The finalists, and the times scheduled for their individual 60-minute interviews with Council are as follows:

6:00 pm - Dustin Birch

7:00 pm - Ellen Van Riper

JUSTIFICATION/BENEFITS/ISSUES

The Council may vote to convene in executive session to conduct the interviews, discuss the finalists and give staff direction regarding a specific finalist to begin negotiations with, and the parameters within which to conduct those negotiations.

ATTACHMENTS:

File Name

Description

Type

No Attachments Available