

SPECIAL MEETING

City of Marysville, Marysville, Kansas, September 20, 2021

Members of the Governing Body of the City of Marysville were called to order in a special meeting at 5:00 p.m., on the date and at the place noted above with Mayor Barnes opening the meeting. City Attorney McNish, City Clerk Holle and City Administrator St. John were also present.

Council members answering present to roll call were: Pippia, Frye, Schroller, Hughes, Beikman, Price, Behrens and Throm. A quorum was present.

The call, signed by seven of the eight council members present, read as follows:

We, the undersigned councilmembers of the City of Marysville hereby respectfully request that you call a special council meeting of the members of the governing body of said City to be held at 5:00 p.m. on Monday, September 20, 2021, at City Hall for the following purpose:

Discuss request of an audit of the Police Department.

City Attorney McNish asked Mayor Barnes to add Council discussion of settlement negotiations to the agenda. CA McNish asked the Council to conduct the discussion in executive session for personnel matters. Chris Pannbacker from the Marysville Advocate addressed the Council reminding them a Special Meeting agenda can only include items as listed on the call. The Special Meeting was called to have a discussion about an audit of the Police Department. Mayor Barnes said an attorney client privileged consultation would be called to discuss litigation concerning the audit of the Police Department and the settlement negotiations will not be added to the meeting agenda.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: At 5:05 p.m. CM Pippia moved, CM Throm seconded to recess in executive session for consultation with an attorney on matters deemed privileged in an attorney-client relationship about litigation or claims against the city K.S.A. 75-4319 (b) (2). This session will include the Mayor, City Council, the City Administrator, and the City Attorneys. The open meeting will resume in the city council chamber at 5:20 p.m. Motion carried 7-1 with CM Hughes voting no. At 5:20 p.m. council reconvened. Mayor Barnes reported no action was taken during the executive session and the regular session was continuing.

At 5:20 p.m. CM Pippia moved, CM Behrens seconded to recess in executive session for consultation with an attorney on matters deemed privileged in an attorney-client relationship about litigation or claims against the city K.S.A. 75-4319 (b) (1). This session will include the Mayor, City Council, the City Attorneys, and the City Administrator. The open meeting will resume in the city council chamber at 5:40 p.m. Motion carried 7-1 with CM Hughes voting no. At 5:40 p.m. council reconvened. Mayor Barnes reported no action was taken during the executive session and the regular session was continuing.

POLICE DEPARTMENT AUDIT. The Council discussed the need for an audit of the Police Department because the Department has not had a leadership change for more than 20 years. It was discussed if there is a big change in any department, the City should probably conduct an audit for transparency before new leadership takes place in that department. CA St. John clarified this would be a policy and procedural audit not a financial audit. The audit could be conducted by another larger police department or a private investigator. The state department and the county only conduct criminal investigations. CM Price moved, CM Pippia seconded to authorize CA St. John to discuss a policy and procedural audit of the Police Department with

prospective agencies. Motion carried 5-3 with CM Hughes, CM Frye and CM Beikman voting no.

At 5:55 p.m., CM Throm moved, CM Pippia seconded to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

CINDY HOLLE
City Clerk