

**CITY OF PORT ORFORD
SPECIAL SESSION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL
GABLE CHAMBERS
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2006 AT 5:00 P.m.**

(To Discuss Hiring of City Administrator)

Councilors present: E. Beck, C. Eskelson, M. Finch, Sr., J. Steinhorst, S. Abbott,
and President J. Campbell

Councilors absent: Mayor Auburn

Staff present: B. Manes, City Recorder

Others present: E. Kramer, Port Orford Today; George Bennett, Candidate

Citizens present: 1

President Campbell called to order the Special Session of the Common Council of the City of Port Orford in the Gable Chambers, Tuesday, February 13, 2006, at 5:00 p.m. The purpose of this meeting was to approve the contract for City Administrator as to form, go into executive session, negotiate the contract with the candidate, and return to the Special Session to vote.

Councilor Abbott stated that he felt the version the City Attorney had supplied council amplifies the agreement better and he stated that he liked it better than the previous form. He felt that all the council needed to do was negotiate with the candidate and fill in the four blanks. Also he thanked George Bennett for being there, and apologized on his own behalf regarding some of the confusion in approving this agreement.

All of the councilors and Mr. Bennett were comfortable with the form of the agreement. Therefore, President Campbell announced that they would go into executive session per ORS 192.660 (2) (a), to consider the employment of a public officer, employee, staff member or individual agent at 5:15 p.m.. He then read the media reminder and the request for all others to leave the room until notified to return, noting that the council would return to the Special Session when the executive session was completed.

At 5:50 p.m. President Campbell returned the council to the Special Session and invited anyone outside back into chambers.

MOTION: Councilor Finch moved to offer the position of City Administrator to Candidate No. 3. Councilor Eskelson seconded the motion.

President Campbell called for discussion. It was pointed out by Councilor Steinhorst that the candidate's educational background and work experience were not really there as far as qualifications for this position were concerned. Councilor Abbott stated that he agreed.

President Campbell stated that his experience with candidates over the years was that the personality of the individual for a position here in Port Orford had to be a good fit. He felt with a six month probationary period it would be discovered if he could do the job or not.

President Campbell called for the vote as there was no more discussion.

Roll Call Vote:

“Yes” C. Eskelson, M. Finch, J. Campbell

“No” E. Beck, J. Steinhorst, S. Abbott

Motion failed 3 to 3.

President Campbell then stated that this means the position of City Administrator needs to be re-advertised.

MOTION: Councilor Steinhorst moved to advertise once again for City Administrator. Councilor Abbott seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

“Yes” E. Beck, C. Eskelson, J. Steinhorst, S. Abbott

“No” M. Finch, J. Campbell

Motion Passed 4 to 2

Staff was directed to begin the process of re-advertising.

The meeting was adjourned by President Campbell at 6:00 p.m.

By _____
Jim Campbell, Council President

ATTEST:

Beverley Manes, City Recorder