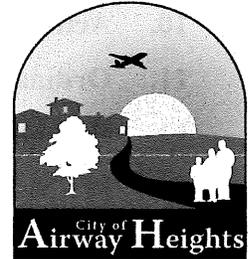


City of Airway Heights

Minutes for the City Council Meeting

Council Chambers, 13120 W. 13th Avenue
Airway Heights, WA



Monday, July 20, 2015

Legislative Session: 5:30 PM

1. **Invocation was given by Pastor Leroy Strain, Airway Heights Baptist**
2. **Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Rushing**
3. **Call to Order by Mayor Patrick Rushing at 5:30 PM**
4. **Roll Call:**

Mayor Patrick Rushing	P
Deputy Mayor Kevin Richey	P
Steven Lawrence	P
Jack Collins	P
Tanya Dashiell	P
Doyle Inman	A
Dave Malet	P

Staff Present: City Manager Albert Tripp, City Attorney Erik Kukuk, Fire Chief Mitch Metzger, Police Chief Lee Bennett, Parks, Recreation & Community Services Director J.C. Kennedy, Clerk-Treasurer Amy Wiedrich, Development Services Director Derrick Braaten, Court Administrator Bree Breza, Police Sgt. Robert Swan, Executive Assistant Daneka Keith, Parks & Recreation Supervisor Andy Gardner, Court Clerk Xanthe Supita, Detective Kelly Justice, Officer Mike Ziegler, Officer Dennis Bachman, Fire Marshall Nate Whannell, Waste Water Treatment Plant Operator III Chuck Clawson, Parks & Recreation Coordinator Glen Horton.

Motion by Councilmember Dashiell to approve the absence of Councilmember Inman, seconded by Councilmember Collins. Motion passed unanimously, 6-0.

5. **Agenda Approval: Motion by Councilmember Lawrence to approve the agenda, seconded by Deputy Mayor Richey. Motion passed unanimously, 6-0.**
6. **Announcements/Presentations: None**
7. **Council Reports: None**
8. **Public Hearings: None**
9. **Consent Agenda: None**

10. **Action Items:** None

11. **Ordinances:** None

12. **Resolutions:**

ITEM A: Resolution 2015-018 Expressing “No Confidence” in the Mayor
Adoption of Resolution 2015-018 a resolution expressing “no confidence” in the Mayor as a result of public communications which are offensive, derogatory and do not represent the views of the City.

Motion by Deputy Mayor Richey to adopt Resolution 2015-018, seconded by Councilmember Lawrence. Motion passed 5-1 (in favor Richey, Lawrence, Collins, Dashiell, Malet and opposed Rushing).

13. **Citizen Comments:**

Citizen comments were heard prior to vote being taken. The following citizens commented regarding Resolution 2015-018:

1. Patti Fennen
2. Sandy Holland
3. Doug Holland
4. Elsie Patten
5. Rev. Happy Watkins
6. Mark Schumacher
7. Elgiva Booten
8. Deborah Lawyer
9. Thelma Scott
10. Richard Scott
11. Matthew Pederson
12. Merlene Olmsted
13. Beatrice Williams
14. Nicholas Messing
15. Veronica Messing
16. Francine Osborne
17. James Eik
18. Rita Osborne
19. Andy Gardner
20. Jacob Powers
21. Brad Richmond

Following public comment the councilmembers addressed the audience. Deputy Mayor Richey thanked everyone for taking the time to be there and address the council. He further stated he feels the Mayor had a severe lack of judgement in making the comments he made and feels he should step aside. Councilmember Lawrence stated he has lived here longer than anyone on council and feels this situation will be hard to come back from. Councilmember Collins commented that he and other councilmembers have been

fielding calls from all over the country regarding this. He has spoken to several staff members as well. He took an oath of office to be a leader in the community, as did the Mayor and feels the Mayor needs to step down. Councilmember Dashiell commented that each one of them were elected by this community. She stated she has "no confidence" in the Mayors ability to lead and asked for his resignation. Councilmember Malet has lived here for over 10 years and was also an employee prior to serving on council. He feels in order to continue to move the city forward that Mayor Rushing must step down.

- 14. **Staff Reports:** None
- 15. **Workshop:** None
- 16. **Executive Session:** None
- 17. **Adjournment:** at 7:12 PM

APPROVED:



Patrick D. Rushing, Mayor
KEVIN RUSHING

ATTEST:



Amy Wiedrich, Clerk-Treasurer

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