

**MINUTES OF  
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING  
CITY HALL  
MONDAY, MARCH 24, 2025  
6:00 PM**

**PRESENT**

**MAYOR**

**MICHAEL E. SUGGS**

**COUNCIL**

**ANDREA L. COLEMAN  
JOAN S. GAUSE  
KELLI GERALD  
CARROLL D. PADGETT, JR.  
TONYA F. SYKES**

**ABSENT**

**COUNCIL**

**LEWIS C. HARDEE, JR.**

**CALL TO ORDER:**

The Special Council meeting was called to order by Mayor Suggs at 6:00pm on Monday, March 24, 2025.

**INVOCATION:**

Councilman Padgett gave the Invocation.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Suggs.

**ROLL CALL:**

Clerk Graham called the roll.

Mayor Suggs stated that Councilman Hardee was absent due to a work obligation.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

Mayor Suggs called for an executive session to discuss one personnel issue. A motion was made by Councilwoman Gerald, seconded by Councilwoman Gause to enter executive session to discuss a personnel matter. Mayor Suggs and all members voted favorably. Motion passed.

After the executive session, a motion was made by Councilwoman Gause, seconded by Councilwoman Coleman to exit executive session and reconvene in open session. Mayor Suggs and all members voted favorably. Motion passed.


Mayor Suggs stated that in the executive session council discussed a personnel matter regarding city administrator William Clay Young's decision to retire effective March 31, 2025, to pursue opportunities outside of municipal government which include completing and publishing a book and that no action and no vote was taken in executive session.

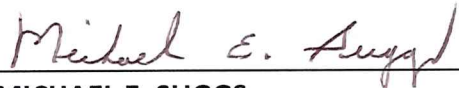
A motion was made by Councilman Padgett and seconded by Councilwoman Gause to accept the letter of retirement from Administrator Young and to appoint city treasurer Angel Neighbours as the interim city administrator effective immediately. Mayor Suggs and all members voted favorably. Motion passed. Mayor Suggs thanked Mr. Young for his many contributions to the city. He said that Mr. Young has graciously agreed to serve as a consultant on several on-going projects. Mr. Young thanked the city council members for their support during his tenure with the city and assured them that he will be available after retirement, if needed.

### **ADJOURNMENT:**

A motion was made by Councilwoman Gause, seconded by Councilwoman Coleman to adjourn. Mayor Suggs and all members voted favorably. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:47 P.M.

ATTEST:

  
BRANDY GRAHAM  
CLERK

  
MICHAEL E. SUGGS  
MAYOR

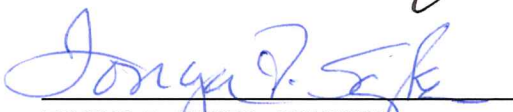
  
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