

**MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL MEETING
ARTESIA, NEW MEXICO
September 21, 2009**

The City Council of the City of Artesia, New Mexico met in the City Council Chambers at City Hall on Monday, September 21, 2009 at 6:35 p.m. in a special session with Mayor Phillip Burch presiding, and the following additional City Councilors present to wit:

Manuel Barragan	Raye Miller
Terry Hill	Raul Rodriguez
George Holmes	Nora Sanchez

Members Absent:

J.B. Smith	Antonio Torrez
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Also present:

Bill Thalman, Human Resource Director

It was determined that a quorum was present. Mayor Burch announced that the reason for the special meeting was to conduct a termination hearing for Solid Waste Employee, Tom Harrison.

Mayor Burch stated that Mr. Harrison was not present at the meeting.

Mayor Pro tem Holmes moved to conduct the meeting as a closed meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilor Hill and upon vote, with Councilor Barragan voting "nay", the motion passed.

Councilor Rodriguez moved that in accordance with 10-15-1-H(2), the Council and Mayor go into executive session regarding limited personnel matters. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro tem Holmes and upon roll call vote, with the following votes recorded:

Aye: Barragan, Hill, Holmes, Miller, Rodriguez, Sanchez

Nay: none

the motion passed.

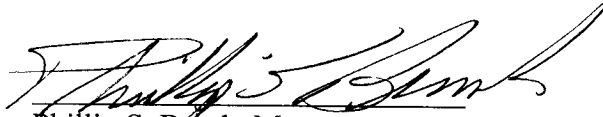
Council recessed to executive session at 7:00 p.m.

Council reconvened at 7:16 p.m.

Mayor Pro tem Holmes moved that the only matters discussed in executive session pertained to limited personnel matters and no action was taken. The motion was seconded by Councilor Rodriguez and upon vote, the motion passed.


Councilor Hill moved to terminate effective immediately the employment of Tom Harrison for non-compliance with the City's Substance Abuse policy. The motion was seconded by Councilor Miller and upon vote, the motion passed.

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting adjourned at 7:18 p.m.



Phillip S. Burch, Mayor

ATTEST:



Aubrey Hobson, City Clerk