

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING**  
**ARTESIA, NEW MEXICO**  
**July 15, 2008**

The City Council of the City of Artesia, New Mexico met in the City Council Chambers at City Hall on Tuesday, July 15, 2008 at 6:00 p.m. in a special session with Mayor Phil Burch presiding, and the following present to wit:

Antonio Torrez(6:06)	J B Smith
Manuel Barragan	Raul Rodriguez
Raye Miller	Terry Hill

Also present:

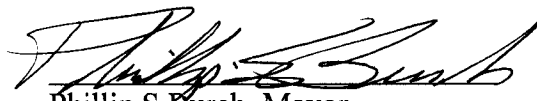
Aubrey Hobson, City Clerk/Finance Director  
Robert Forrest, Infrastructure Director  
Bill Thalman, Human Resources Director  
Michael Stroud, Wastewater Superintendent

Mayor Burch announced that the reason for the special meeting was to a suspension/termination hearing for Tony Franco.

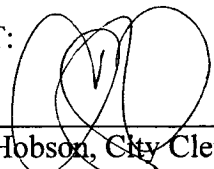
Bill Thalman indicated that in his last conversation with the employee, Mr. Franco had indicated he would submit a letter of reresignation. Since Mr. Thalman had not received the letter before the meeting, he suggested the Council hold the hearing. Mr. Thalman indicated that because the employee would have had the right to choose an open meeting as opposed to a closed meeting if he had been there, the meeting would automatically be a closed hearing.

Councilor Miller made a motion to terminate the employment of Tony Franco effective immediately. The motion was seconded by Councilor Hill. Upon vote the motion passed unanimously.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 6:32 pm.

  
Phillip S Burch, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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Aubrey Hobson, City Clerk