

**MINUTES  
CITY OF HONDO  
SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
MARCH 15, 2021 at 3:30 p.m.**

**1. Call to order.**

Mayor Danner called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m.

**2. Quorum check.**

Mayor James W. Danner, Sr., Mayor ProTem John E. Villa, Councilman John McAnelly, Councilman Wes Huesser, Councilman Jose "Porky" Ytuarte, Councilman Bobby Vela, Interim City Manager/Chief of Police Brian Valenzuela, Interim City Secretary Megan Rodriguez.

Staff: IT Network Administrator Josh Rodriguez, STRTC Administrative Assistant Lillian Bales.

**3. Citizens'/Public Comments:**

No public comments.

**4. Executive Session:** The City Council of the City of Hondo convened in Executive Session at 3:30 p.m. and reconvened in Open Session at 4:16 p.m. Pursuant to Chapter 551, Texas Government Code, the City Council reserves the right to convene into Executive Session(s) from time to time as deemed necessary during this meeting. The City Council may convene into Executive Session pursuant to any lawful exception contained in Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code including any or all of the following topics:

- a. Personnel matters pursuant to Section 551.074 regarding performance and compensation of Interim City Manager.
- b. Personnel matters pursuant to Section 551.074 regarding the hiring of the position of City Manager.

**5. Discuss and consider appropriate action(s) resulting from Executive Session.**

Councilman Vela moved to approve the hiring of Scott Albert as City Manager. Motion seconded by Councilman McAnelly. Motion carried 4-1. (Councilman Villa opposed.)

Councilman Villa stated that he believed there needed to be a consensus when making the decision on the hiring of the new City Manager. Councilman Villa stated that he did not believe there needed to be a new City Manager brought in as no one has shown why Interim City Manager Chief Brian Valenzuela is not qualified to remain as City Manager. Councilman Villa stated that he wanted a yes/no answer to his question (as stated in a previous Executive Session) for which he did not get. Councilman Villa added he does not feel comfortable moving forward with the hiring of Scott Albert.

Councilman Ytuarte stated he believes it is time to move forward as doing so is for the betterment of the community.

Councilman McAnelly stated that all of the candidates were qualified and while narrowing it down to a few he believes in moving forward with the hiring of a new City Manager and this decision is not a reflection against our current Interim City Manager Chief Brian Valenzuela.

Councilman McAnelly stated that a \$10,000 bonus should be awarded to Interim City Manager Chief Brian Valenzuela based on performance during his time as acting Interim City Manager as he did a great job while filing this position.

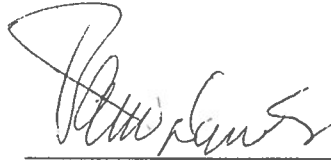
Councilman McAnelly moved to approve the awarding of a \$10,000 bonus to Chief Brian Valenzuela for his contributions as Interim City Manager. Motion seconded by Councilman Ytuarte. Motion carried 5-0.

Mayor Danner stated that during the time of working alongside Interim City Manager Chief Brian Valenzuela he appreciated what he has done while taking on this role and he has accomplished more than what he thought he could.

6. **Adjourn.**

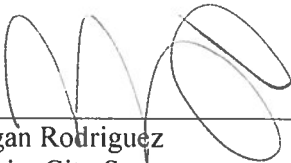
Councilman Vela moved to adjourn the meeting at 4:21 p.m. Motion seconded by Councilman McAnelly. Motion carried 5-0.

**PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 22<sup>nd</sup> DAY OF MARCH 2021.**



**JAMES W. DANNER SR., MAYOR**

ATTEST:



Megan Rodriguez  
Interim City Secretary

