

**SUMMERSET CITY COMMISSION
SPECIAL MEETING
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 4th, 2023 @ 9:00 A.M.
SUMMERSET MUNICIPAL BUILDING
7055 LEISURE LANE**

Mayor Torno called the Special Meeting to order at 9:05 a.m. Commissioners Butler, Hirsch, Kitzmiller, and Nasser (via telephone) were present. City Attorney, City Administrator and Assistant Finance Officer were present also.

Mayor Torno led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioner Butler gave the invocation.

CALL FOR CHANGES

Motion by Kitzmiller, second by Butler to amend the agenda of February 4th, 2023 with the addition of an executive session and to admit into the record the Correction Action Plan to make it a public document. Motion carried.

ACTION REGARDING CITY FINANCE OFFICER CANDACE SEALEY IN ACCORDANCE WITH SDCL 9-14-12

Motion by Kitzmiller, second by Butler to open discussion. Motion carried.

Mayor Torno stated that she had received a text message of resignation from Finance Officer Candace Sealey. Torno gave an overview of the events that took place and the Correction Action Plan. Moving forward there is an active investigation and forensic audit that will take place. Torno said she has had contact and is asking that items be returned to the city and will be working to arrange the same.

Commissioner Butler stated he was given a copy of the Correction Action Plan from the Finance Officer, but it was whited out in an area and asked to make sure we have the correct plan.

Sid Reade expressed his concerns about the time and work he put into having circulated his petition and being told that it was no longer in the possession of the city and the possibility of having to re-circulate if the petition is not returned by the Finance Officer.

Jim Guthrie spoke to having corrective action in place.

Motion by Kitzmiller, second by Hirsch to close discussion. Motion carried.

Motion by Nasser, second by Butler, to approve the termination of the City Finance Officer Candace Sealey, effective February 3rd, 2023. A Roll call vote was then taken:

Kitzmiller: aye, Butler: aye, Nasser: aye, Torno: aye, Hirsch: aye. Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion by Kitzmiller, second by Hirsch, to enter into Executive Session at 9:29 a.m. per SDCL 1-25-2 for discussing legal, economic development, and personnel issues. Motion carried.

Motion by Butler, second by Hirsch, to exit executive session at 10:02 a.m. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Hirsch, second by Kitzmiller, to adjourn at 10:02 a.m. Motion carried.

(SEAL)

ATTEST:

Stephany Baumeister
Asst. Finance Officer

Melanie Torno
Mayor

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