



CITY OF GALT

MINUTES

SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING Council Chambers, 380 Civic Drive, Galt, California Tuesday, May 13, 2013, 3:00 pm

The meeting was called to order at 3:00 pm by the mayor. Council Members present: Singleton, Payne, Crews, Powers. Absent: Campion.

Staff members present: City Clerk Aguire, Human Resources Administrator Islas and Special Attorney Jonathon Hobbs.

AGENDA APPROVAL, ADDITIONS AND/OR DELETIONS - None

PUBLIC COMMENTS - The clerk announced that members of the audience could address the council on any matter which is not on the agenda but within the subject matter jurisdiction. She advised the location of the speaker sheets, asked that speaker sheets be presented to the clerk prior to addressing council and advised that each person would have a three minute time limit to speak.

1. **SUBJECT**: Discussion, possible action, and direction to staff concerning healthcare benefits available to Council Member Campion under prior settlement agreement and/or prior City Council resolution.

STAFF REPORT: Jonathan Hobbs, City's Special Legal Counsel.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Receive report from legal counsel, discuss item, take action and/or provide staff direction as deemed appropriate.

Hobbs explained Campion's absence due to a conflict of a financial interest. He explained what Campion was entitled to under his settlement agreement and as a council member. Payne was concerned because she understood there was a stipulation that the money had to be used for health insurance. Hobbs said it could be a cash payment. Singleton said he thought it could only be used for private health insurance, as stated in the settlement agreement. Hobbs once again said he could cash out the benefits. Singleton said council was trying to help him when they agreed to the settlement agreement. Hobbs said it was clear that Campion had the option for cash.

Crews said council had good intentions but was obligated to give him insurance coverage. He said Campion had the right, but questioned the ethics and said he did not agree with double dipping. Powers asked Islas when Campion made the request and Islas said the day after he was elected. Powers said she had a problem with that. She said Campion walked away with a very good severance package. She did not agree with double dipping and went on to discuss his severance package. She wanted transparency.

Discussion ensued regarding costs for insurance and that Campion could put the money aside in a reserve. Singleton did not agree with Hobbs' opinion and said it was tax payer money.

ACTION: Crews moved to receive the report, approve Hobbs opinion and implement benefits entitled to Campion as a council member, seconded by Payne.

DISCUSSION: Payne said the city was responsible to fulfill its commitment to the settlement

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agreement.

ACTION: The motion passed by a roll call vote with Singleton dissenting and Campion absent.

There being no further business to come before council, the meeting was adjourned by the mayor at 3:38 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth Aguire
City Clerk