



The City Council convened in **Special** Session in the Bush Convention Center, Midland, Texas, at 9:00 AM, Tuesday, February 21, 2023.

Council Members present: Amy Stretcher Burkes, Dan Corrales, Robin Poole, Lori Blong, Scott Dufford, Jack Ladd, John Norman

Council Members absent: None

Staff members present: City Manager Robert Patrick, City Attorney John Ohnemiller, Deputy City Manager Morris Williams Jr, Assistant City Manager Tina Jauz, Chief Deputy City Secretary Marcia Bentley-German, Manager of Communications & Marketing Karisa Danley

The meeting was called to order at 9:07 a.m.

SPECIAL SESSION

1. The City Council will meet with City Staff in a workshop to discuss and consider City governance, management, operations, policies, protocols, strategic planning, and priorities. The City Council may discuss issues related to streets, roads, and water and sewer infrastructure; water supply and resources; parks and recreation; community services; public health and safety; land use and development; economic development; personnel; airports; technology; solid waste management; real property acquisition and disposition; and oil and gas development and regulation. The City Council may develop and prioritize actions and goals in connection with the foregoing matters.

Mayor Blong opened the meeting at 9:07 a.m. with prayer and an overview of City finances and many ongoing projects, reporting; the City of Midland is worth investing in.

Mr. Lyle Sumek, with Lyle Sumek Associates, facilitated the Governance Retreat and began by going over the differences between Politics and Governance and Council having respect for each other.

Council Members spoke on the importance of working together for the benefit of the City, to end any discord among the Council and show accountability by doing what one says he/she will do.

Mr. Sumek reported that Governance is doing what you believe is right and balancing judgment with regard to what is best for the community. He briefly discussed the

Council/Manager form of government by reviewing the Council/Manager model's 3 key processes: government, management and service.

The Council discussed the desire to bring back more briefings/workshops in order to keep the Council informed on upcoming projects.

Each Council Member spoke on what success and image means to them and came up with a list of priorities.

A review of Mayor, Council and City Manager expectations and actions were discussed along with several other topics during the day long workshop.

All the business at hand having been completed, the meeting adjourned at 4:29 p.m.

PASSED AND APPROVED February 28, 2023.

Lori Blong, Mayor

ATTEST:

Amy Turner, City Secretary