

Special Meeting of Bethesda Village Council

February 10, 2021

Mayor Samantha Burkhead called the meeting to order, Samantha led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call

Present: Mayor Samantha Burkhead, Administrator Dirk Davis, Fiscal Officer Ricky Burkhead, Ruth Saffell, Jay Van Horn, Jordan Castello, Rod Miller, Cindy Foose, Carol Merritt, Solicitor Michael Shaheen

Absent:

Guest(s)

Stephanie Castelo, Phil Castello, Bill Cox, Chuck Little, Dick Quinlin

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Cindy Foose made a motion to go into executive session to discuss personnel, at 5:31 p.m., seconded by Ruth Saffell, Jay - Yes, Ruth - Yes, Jordan - Yes, Carol – Yes, Cindy – Yes, Rod - Yes.

At 6:08 p.m. Mayor Samantha Burkhead declared executive session over.

Mayor Samantha Burkhead asked council if they are comfortable that she has thoroughly transmitted the record as it applies to Police Chief Pete Busack. Jay Van Horn – Yes, Carol Merritt – Yes, Rod Miller – Yes, Cindy Foose – Yes, Ruth Saffell – Yes, Jordan Castello stated no and at that she didn't agree with it. Mr. Shaheen asked if there is something else that Jordan needed and that the motion is not whether she agrees but that the mayor provided her with a document. Jordan motioned yes that she received the document.

Mayor Samantha Burkhead stated that in June she made her recommendation to end the probationary period and terminate Pete Busack. Samantha stated that based on events of the last six months she stands firmly behind this recommendation and that she does not believe that Pete is the right choice for police chief nor a representative of this village. Samantha asked that council vote on her recommendation to end the probationary period and terminate Pete Busack. Cindy Foose made a motion to confirm the mayor's recommendation and to terminate effective 8am tomorrow, seconded by Jay Van Horn, Jay Van Horn – Yes, Carol Merritt – Yes, Rod Miller – Yes, Cindy Foose – Yes, Ruth Saffell – Yes, Jordan Castello – No.

Jordan stated that it is her opinion that anyone in the audience should be able to state their opinions.

Chuck Little stated that this is a bunch of BS and that it's ridiculous. Chuck stated that this is a personal vendetta because it has been going on too long. Rod stated that he was advised not to say much at this time but he will tell him that Rod has tried since August and it is just not going to work.

Bill Cox stated that it is a personal thing with council and that Pete has always been there to help him. Bill stated that no one else will do it any better than he does.

Motion to adjourn by Jay Van Horn, 2nd by Rod Miller, with a unanimous vote.

The next meeting will be Thursday February 25th, 2021 at 6:30 P.M.

Mayor Samantha Burkhead

Fiscal Officer Ricky W. Burkhead Jr.