

## WORK SESSION

JUNE 3, 2008

A Work Session of the Arcadia City Council was held on June 3, 2008, at 5:30 p.m. in the Margaret Way Building at 23 North Polk Avenue. Council members attending were Goodman, Johnson, Heine, and Dixon. Absent: Councilman Fazzone was out of town. Also in attendance were Administrator Strube, Attorney Holloman and Recorder Baumann.

Mayor Goodman called the Work Session to order and stated the purpose of the work session was to discuss the hiring of a new City Attorney. In the absence of Councilman Fazzone, Mayor Goodman read a letter from Councilman Fazzone which stated that he would support the Council's selection for a new attorney; however, he was giving his support to Mr. James Carter. Attorney Holloman addressed the Council stating that the letter from Councilman Fazzone cannot be considered a vote, it is only his opinion.

Administrator Strube suggested that the Council rank the candidates by number one (1), two (2) or three (3), so that if contractual difference could not be resolved, then the Council could move to their next choice.

Councilman Johnson stated he wanted to discuss all the candidates and receive feedback from other Council members. Councilman Dixon stated he was ready to make a motion. Mayor Goodman stated that a recommendation would be made during this Work Session; however the formal recommendation and appointment would be made during today's Regular Meeting at 6:00 p.m.

Mayor Goodman asked for a review of the scores to the questions given to each candidate.

Councilman Johnson addressed the Council and presented a list of comparisons he had done on each candidate. Councilman Johnson supports Mr. Galvano for the appointment as City Attorney; however, he was concerned with the salary Mr. Galvano quoted during his interview.

Councilman Dixon also supports Mr. Galvano stating that the City needs an attorney who would be ready to work on day one. He stated that if Mr. Galvano could work with the Council regarding his proposed salary then he would be in favor of hiring Mr. Galvano.

Councilman Heine stated he was impressed with each of the candidates although he expressed concern as to where the funds for the salary would come from. He noted that the City has already received notice of tax revenue shortfalls/cuts and at this time we do not know what the final cuts will be. Councilman Heine supports the hiring of Mr. James Carter.

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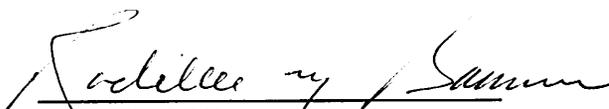
Mayor Goodman believes that it would be in the City's best interest to have someone in the Legislature. She also expressed concern regarding Mr. Galvano's proposed salary and asked if he would be agreeable to Thirty Six Thousand Dollars (\$36,000.00) per year.

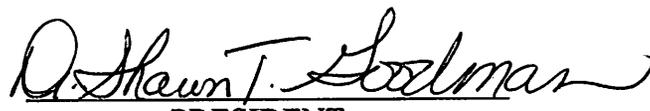
Mr. Galvano stated that he would not accept less than Thirty Six Thousand (\$36, 000.00). He also wanted to make it clear for the record that the City would be hiring him to represent the City of Arcadia as their Attorney and not as a lobbyist for the City.

Dixon moved to recommend William S. Galvano as City Attorney; seconded by Johnson. Councilman Heine asked Mr. Galvano if he did not work twenty (20) hours each month, would he carry the remainder of the hours into the next month. Mr. Galvano stated his salary would be a flat fee retainer of Three Thousand Dollars (\$3,000.00) per month and there would not be any additional charges. Administrator Strube stated for clarification that Mr. Galvano would be retained at Thirty Six Thousand Dollars (\$36,000.00) per year with unlimited effort. Mr. Galvano stated yes, unless there was some type of litigation, at which point the City would probably consider using an expert in that area and not him. Administrator Strube asked what rate Mr. Galvano would be charging for special issues. Mr. Galvano stated the charge would be Two Hundred and Fifty Dollars (\$250.00) per hour. Councilman Dixon asked if this amount was negotiable to which Mr. Galvano stated that it was. Councilman Dixon noted that it might be possible for the City to use Mr. Galvano's firm for other types of legal needs. Administrator Strube noted that in his interview Mr. Galvano had stated his hourly fee would be Two Hundred Dollars (\$200.00), he asked if that amount was correct to which Mr. Galvano stated he would accept that amount.

Administrator Strube stated a motion had not been voted on to make Mr. Galvano ranked the number one (1) candidate. Mayor Goodman asked Councilman Dixon to consider amending his previous motion. Dixon moved that Mr. Galvano be ranked as the number one (1) choice for City Attorney, and Mr. Carter ranked as the number two (2) choice; seconded by Johnson and carried. Mr. Galvano will meet with Administrator Strube in order to work out contractual agreements and will present this to the Council on or prior to the next Council meeting of July 1, 2008.

There being no further business, the Work Session was adjourned.

  
CITY RECORDER

  
PRESIDENT