

Joe Polino said so being placed on Administrative Leave was it subsequent to his counsel his advice is that what you are saying.

Mayor Hunter said Mr. Jeffrey laid out their options for them but he did not advice them one way or the other.

Joe Polino said so you chose that option.

Item C. Police Department Organization

Councilman Trammell said in regards to Item C. Police Department Organization and chain of command. He said they need to let the Chief of Police be the Chief of Police him being in charge of everything and the officer's – everything he has to deal with in the Police Department Motion was seconded by Council Women Jenkins, motion

Mayor Hunter said the Chief of Police is the State recognized agency Administrator and is in charge over the Police Department.

Joe Polino said his contract says he reports to the Mayor. He said Mr. Basham about once a week reminds him that he reports to the Mayor. He asked can someone explain – he said he doesn't work for the Chief of Police. He said his contract says just the opposite that he has administrative over of the Police Department. He said that's what his contract states. He said it doesn't state that he report to the Chief of Police but as a member of the Police Department he respects the Police Chief's position and he can understand a dotted line. He said for example a couple of week ago he qualified with his fire arm his weapon as required by the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement and he made sure he sent the original certified mail to the Chief of Police to make sure it was included in his TCLOSE folder and the Chief would know he followed the law in that regard. He said he hasn't ignored him in that regard. He said it's that his contract says he reports to the Mayor and Mayor Pro Tem Basham has made a living out of reminding him that he reports to the Mayor and nobody else.

Mayor Hunter said no he didn't think -

Joe Polino said did he misunderstand the motion. He asked Councilman Trammell what his motion was.

Councilman Trammell said his motion is the Chief of Police is in charge of all of the Police Department activities. He said it stops with him. He is in charge and he is in charge of all of the officers and everything that has to do with the Police Department. The Chief of Police will answer to the Mayor.

Joe Polino asked how does is define in charge as it refers to him (Joe Polino).

Councilman Trammell said he was not referring to Joe Polino. He is referring to that man standing back there (Chief Holzschuh) and he is in charge of every police officer in the City of Reno. He said he is in charge.

Joe Polino said to define in charge because he has a contract that says something different. He said to define in charge. In charge meaning he has to follow the law as laid at by TCLOSE for training and fire arms – he does that

Mayor Hunter asked Police Chief Holzschuh to come to the podium and explain the process and the titles the way TCLOSE sees them Chief Holzschuh said the title of City Administrator and Director of Public Safety implied a senior member of the city. He said everyone else the City Administrator is the head of the city and the Director of Public Safety has its own implications and it says the Chief reports to me. In that title it is implied and very vividly to the rest of us is that's the boss. The Chief reports to the Director of Public Safety and the City Administrator so fine if that's the way they want it. He said you cannot be both the City Administrator and Director of Public Safety and a employee of the Police Chief. Chief Holzschuh said it doesn't work that way. The Attorney General's Opinion begs to differ. He said that's the problem with getting hired as the Chief because it is not possible for him to participate with an employee who is also his boss.

Joe Polino said first let him say that the Chief has been reporting directly to the Mayor since he has been on board. But he wants to remind the council and make sure it's on record that his contract states — "During the term of this contract both parties agree that the terms and conditions of employment will not change. Any changes if found to be desirable must be approved by the employee". He said he will say this again it is in his contract. He said he has no desire to micro manage the Police Department or tell the Chief how to run his Police Department. He said he was the one that picked the Chief out of a copious amount of resumes that he received. He said he was the one that made him in the finalist. He said he was the one that approved that he should be the Chief of Police. He said he has not grudge or anything against the Chief. He said but his contract says that they is no change unless he agrees to it now if they want to renegotiate that part of it he would be happy to do so. He said he would be more than happy to do so but his signed contract says that no changes are made unless he agrees to it. He said like he said he has no problem if they have some thoughts then they can sit down and talk about it.

Mayor Hunter said he believes what the problem is the Title he holds and the way TCLOSE sees you with his commission as the Chief's employee which is not permissible according to the Attorney General. He said in other words what they are saying is the Chief has sole discretion over the Police Department. He said he thinks they want to reradiate that.

Joe Polino said he thinks that the way it's been since he was sworn in. He said like he said he was the one that picked Mr. Holzschuh out of a copious amount of — Mayor Hunter said they are not arguing any of that.

Joe Polino said he has no grudge against the Chief and he hopes he has no grudge against him.

Mayor Hunter said alright any other discussion.

Mayor Hunter asked all in favor : Mayor Pro Tem Basham, Councilman Trammell and Council Woman Jenkins voted yes. Councilman Parnell and Council Woman Steele voted no. The vote was 3-2 in favor.

I certify that only topics allowed by law were discussed during this session

Mayor Eric Hunter



9. Action Items

- A. Resolution 2017-10-20-06R and 2017-10-20-07R authorizing the submission of an application to the Texas General Land Office (GLO) for Community Development Block Grant - Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) for recovery efforts associated to the 2015 presidentially declared disaster No. 4223 (DR-4223).

Motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Basham to approve Resolution 2017-10-20-06R authorizing the submission of an application to the Texas General Land Office (GLO) for Community Development Block Grant - Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) for recovery efforts associated to the 2015 presidentially declared disaster No. 4223 (DR-4223). Motion was seconded by Councilman Parnell, motion carried 5-0.

Motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Basham to approve Resolution 2017-10-20-07R authorizing the submission of an application to the Texas General Land Office (GLO) for Community Development Block Grant - Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) for recovery efforts associated to the 2015 presidentially declared disaster No. 4223 (DR-4223). Motion was seconded by Councilman Trammell, motion carried 5-0.

- B. Discussion and/or action for Scott Passmore and Thomas Leach to attend the course for Certified Stormwater Inspector – Municipal.

Motion was made by Councilman Parnell to approve Scott Passmore and Thomas Leach to attend the course for Certified Stormwater Inspector – Municipal. Motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Basham, motion carried 5-0.

- C. Discussion and/or action to select a contract for Copier.

Mayor Hunter said Ms. Burns you said our contract on a copier was coming up and staying with same provider was the most reasonable.

Ramah Burns said it is more reasonable and we get a brand new copier.

Motion was made by Council Member Steele to select the Konica Minolta as a 60 month contract. Motion was seconded by Council Member Jenkins, motion carried 5-0.

Joe Polino said Mayor since there is a conflict of interest for the Municipal Court to report to the Chief of Police in all fairness - who does the Court Administrator report to now? He said if she has a question or whatever. He said he would just say though he is on Administrative Leave this is the first Municipal Court that he has supervised. He said if it is okay with Council if she wants to give him a call and ask him a question without revealing anything confidential just to ask him an operational question.

Mayor Hunter said his first instinct would be Court Administrator will go through Judge Minter.

Joe Polino said yes but she has a Judge that cannot supervise her every day. He said the Judge is not an employee of the city. He would recommend that she would report to Mayor Hunter because to report to the Police Department and Police Chief would be a conflict of interest. He said the Police Department writes citations – you can't have the same person who supervises the people that write citations also supervising Court that prosecutes people on those same citations.

Mayor Hunter said they can do that now until they get further direction from Mr. Jeffery's.

Joe Polino said he is more than happy to help in that regard.

10. Adjourn

Motion was made by Councilman Trammell to adjourn at 10:15 p.m. Motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Basham, motion carried 5-0.

APPROVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF RENO, PARKER COUNTY, TEXAS THIS 15th Day of January, 2018.

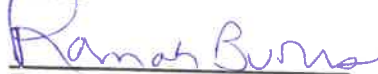


**Eric Hunter
Mayor**

CITY SEAL



ATTEST:



**Ramah Burns
City Secretary**