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**SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING SUMMARY
COUNCIL VACANCY INTERVIEWS
MONDAY, APRIL 2, 2012 @ 6:00 PM
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PRESENT: Wyn “Chris” Gibbs, Mayor; Vice Mayor Kouts; Council Member’s Ken Malloque, Jacque Attaway, Mary Bingham, and Gene Seale.

STAFF PRESENT: David Kincaid, City Manager and Georgia Luster, City Clerk. Tom James, I.T. Specialist, assisted with the audio recording of the meeting (was not present in Executive Session).

OTHERS PRESENT: Diane Junion, Arnold Lopez, Jeff Campbell, Steve McGaughey (arrived 7:30 p.m.) and Kenny McKinney (arrived 8:00 p.m.)

- 1. WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Gibbs called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.
- 2. ROLL CALL:** A quorum of the council was present (6).
- 3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG:** Mayor Gibbs led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Vice Mayor Kouts offered the opening prayer.

- 4. COUNCIL VACANCY:** Conduct interviews of the prospective City Council seat vacancy candidates. The City Council may enter executive session to interview candidates. Interviews will be conducted in the following order and times: 6:10 p.m. - Diane C. Junion; 6:50 p.m. - Jeff Campbell; 7:30 p.m. - Arnold A. Lopez; and 8:10 p.m. - Steve McGaughey.

It was moved by Councilmember Attaway, seconded by Councilman Malloque and carried unanimously to enter executive session at 6:04:29 p.m. to interview candidates for the council seat position.

MOTION ADOPTED

The Council recessed executive session and returned to regular session at 8:20 p.m. Mayor Gibbs recognized the candidates for their interest in serving on the Council.

Councilman Seale made a motion to appoint Steve McGaughey to fill the council seat vacancy. The motion died for a lack of a second. **MOTION DIED**

It was moved by Councilmember Attaway, seconded by Councilmember Bingham, and carried unanimously to appoint Arnold A. Lopez to fill the City of Safford Council seat vacancy. Roll Call Vote. **MOTION ADOPTED**

Councilmember Attaway	YES
Councilman Malloque	YES
Vice Mayor Kouts	YES
Councilmember Bingham	YES
Councilman Seale	YES
Mayor Gibbs	YES

It was moved by Councilman Malloque, seconded by Councilmember Attaway and carried unanimously to recess the regular meeting at 8:24:56 p.m. for the City Clerk to prescribe the Oath of Office to Arnold A. Lopez. Effective tonight, Mr. Lopez will officially take his seat as a City Councilman for the City of Safford. **MOTION ADOPTED**

Mayor Gibbs called regular session back to order at 8:29:37 p.m. He noted by Roll Call Vote the Council unanimously appointed Arnold A. Lopez to fill the council seat vacancy.

It was moved by Councilman Malloque, seconded by Councilmember Attaway, and carried unanimously to enter executive session at 8:29:57 p.m. to discuss Item 5.2, possible future lease or sublease negotiations with the Arizona Commerce Authority concerning airport land *pursuant to Arizona Revised Statutes §38-431.03(A)(7)*. **MOTION ADOPTED**

The Council adjourned executive session and returned to regular session at 8:54:02 p.m.

6. **ADJOURN:** It was moved by Councilman Malloque, seconded by Councilmember Bingham and carried unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 8:54:21 p.m. **MOTION ADOPTED**