

MINUTES OF ORDINARY CLOSED COUNCIL MEETING
Tuesday August 28, 2018
Belize City Hall

Present:

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| 1. Mr. Bernard Wagner | Mayor |
| 2. Mr. Ryan Elijio | Councilor |
| 3. Mr. Oscar Arnold | Councilor |
| 4. Mr. Javier Castellanos | Councilor |
| 5. Ms. Aisha Gentle | Councilor |
| 6. Mr. Micah Goodin | Councilor |
| 7. Ms. Delthrude Hylton | Councilor |
| 8. Mr. Michael Norales | Councilor |
| 9. Mr. Albert Vaughan | Councilor |
| 10. Dr. Candice Pitts | Councilor (Absent) |
| 11. Mr. Allan Pollard Jr. | Councilor |

Mrs. Stephanie Lindo-Garbutt – City Administrator

The meeting was called to order at 2:10 pm
The Councilors led the prayer.

Adoption of Minutes

1. The minutes from the “Ordinary Closed Council Meeting” were circulated and read thoroughly.

Matters Arising

2. Mayor Wagner motioned that the meeting be called to order, seconded by Councilor Elijio.
3. Mayor Wagner congratulated his Council on their hard work thus far.
4. Councilor Pollard walked in. (2:22 pm)
5. Mayor Wagner stated that he initiated a meeting with the director of the Belize Tourism Board (BTB). Without any commitments from any parties involved, they have organized a dry run to see how it will impact those involved.
6. The Council will take the feedback into consideration and go back to the drawing board with the initiative.

7. Councillor Vaughan briefed the Council about the missing Bobcat from the Works Department.
8. Mayor Wagner asked Councillor Pollard if the unnamed street near the Marion Jones Sporting Complex has been named as yet.
9. Councillor Elijio answered that it is in the pipeline.
10. Mayor Wagner informed the Council that Alpha Capital is still working on refloating the Municipal bond.
11. The City Administrator Mrs. Stephanie Lindo-Garbutt informed the Council that Glenn Tillett has began working with the Council and will be doing consultancy.
12. Mayor Wagner initiated the matter of the Belize Waste Control Contract. He stated that it has been a long-standing issue, and he intends to work closely with the Belize Waste Control to address the matter. Over the past two months Mayor Wagner, Deputy Arnold, and the City Administrator have been meeting to discuss the signing of the contract.
13. Mayor Wagner stated that the Council has outstanding payments for the Belize Waste Control.
14. Mayor Wagner moved a motion for the Council to proceed with the signing of the contact with the Belize Waste Control.
15. Councillor Norales stated that since taking office the contract with the Belize Waste Control has been a pressing matter. He seconded the motion.
16. Deputy Arnold informed the Council that the Belize Waste Control upheld the bargain. He asked to ensure that there is a committee that is a part of the City Council that will oversee the collection of garbage.
17. Deputy Arnold recommended that checkpoints be set up to catch snipers who collect garbage outside of the Belize Waste Control's Contract.
18. Councillor Gentle pledged her support for the signing of the contract. She stated that in their manifesto they proposed to work with businesses who were willing to comply with the Council.
19. Councillor Pollard expressed his support for the motion.
20. Mayor Wagner proposed that the Belize Waste Control Contract be renewed for a further 10 years.
21. All councillors who were present voted in favor. **MOTION CARRIED.** ↴

Notices/Reports/Discussion/Information

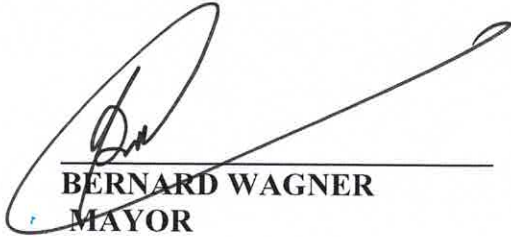
22. Councillor Pollard mentioned that he spoke to Ms. McKenzie about naming the street near St. Matthew's Crescent and having it placed in the gazette.
23. He informed the Council that Ms. McKenzie has been in dialogue with the City Planner Ms. Patnett to have it gazetted.
24. The City Administrator informed the Council that Mr. Stafford Young has been placed on interdiction with half pay until he reappears in court or the case is heard.
25. Councillor Norales informed the Council that they have reached a roadblock with the transfer of the phone lines from the old EOC center to the new one.

26. Mayor Wagner gave a report on his trip to London with the Ahmadiyya Muslim group. He was able to meet with their leader, who indicated that he would be willing to assist Belize City with low-income houses. The group builds homes of approximately 600 sq. ft. The houses are built in clusters.
27. Mayor Wagner announced that the Council is working to fix some streets.
28. Councilor Vaughan announced that his departments is targeting approximately seven (7) streets. Ring Road Street, Custard Apple Street, Thurton Lane, Sybil Reyes Street, Huesner Crescent, Ebony Street, and Duck Lane are on the list.
29. Mayor Wagner suggested looking at Bocotora Street as well.
30. Mayor Wagner commended the Councilors for Sanitation and Works on a job well done. He asked all the Councilors to keep the faith that they will transform the City.
31. Councilor Goodin stated that he has been feeling overzealous lately, and he looks forward to doing more with his Council.
32. Mayor Wagner commended Councilor Pollard on the control of the flow of the traffic on the Philip Goldson Highway.

Other Matters

33. Councilor Elijio informed the Council that two vendors have proposed to lease the Mahogany Street Reserve for a Burger Joint and a Stationery store respectively.
34. Councilor Elijio informed the Council that they met with majority of the Mahogany Street vendors, and most of them bought into the initiative.
35. Councilor Castellanos informed the Council that he met with the Taxi Corp. They will be having another such meeting on September 3, 2018.
36. Mayor Wagner proposed the motion to lease the Mahogany Street Reserve to Ms. Mishawn Mejia for the purpose of operating a Burger Joint. **MOTION CARRIED**
37. Mayor Wagner proposed the motion to lease the Mahogany Street Reserve for the purpose of a Stationery Store.
38. All Councilors who were present voted in favor. **MOTION CARRIED.**
39. Mayor Wagner proposed the motion for the First Stop Taxi Cooperation to operate.
40. All Councilors who were present voted in favor. **MOTION CARRIED.**
41. Mayor Wagner proposed the motion for lease the property of Collet Canal for Jackie's bakery to operate.
42. All Councilors who were present voted in favor. **MOTION CARRIED.**
43. **The meeting was adjourned at 3:50 p.m.**

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BERNARD WAGNER
MAYOR



MRS. STEPHANIE LINDO - GARBUTT
CITY ADMINISTRATOR

