

On September 24, 2025, a Special City Council Meeting of the Minot City Council was held in the Finance Conference Room, City Hall (10 3rd Ave SW). Council President Blessum called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM.

ROLL CALL

Members Present: Mike Blessum, Rob Fuller, Mike Hayes, Lisa Olson (via Teams in City Council Conference Room), Paul Pitner, Scott Samuelson

Members Absent: Mark Jantzer

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Council President Blessum led the City Council in the Pledge of Allegiance.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: CITY OF MINOT V. LIBERTY SIERRA VISTA, LLC (EMINENT DOMAIN) – PENDING LITIGATION

Council President Blessum stated the next item on the agenda is an executive session to discuss a pending eminent domain case with Liberty Sierra Vista, LLC. The legal authority for closing this portion of the meeting is North Dakota Century Code section 44-04-17.1, 44-04-19.1, and 44-04-19.2.

The topic or purpose of the executive session is to allow time for the City Council to consult with its attorney, discuss negotiating strategy, and provide negotiating instructions for its attorneys and other negotiators. At this time, a motion would be in order to discuss agenda item number 3 in the executive session.

The motion to move the City Council into executive session was initiated by City Council Member Fuller, seconded by City Council Member Pitner and carried by the following roll call vote: ayes: Mike Blessum, Rob Fuller, Mike Hayes, Paul Pitner, Scott Samuelson; nays: None.

The executive session will be recorded, and all members of the Council are reminded to limit their discussion during the executive session to the announced topic. Any collective decision, collective commitment, or other final action by the Council will occur after it is reconvened in an open meeting, unless final action is specifically required by law to be taken during the executive session.

Since this executive session is being held to provide guidance and instructions to our attorney and other negotiators pursuant to N.D.C.C. § 44-04-19.1, the prohibition on taking final action during the executive session does not apply to providing negotiating instructions to the City's attorneys and other negotiators.

At this time, the Council will relocate to the City Council conference room adjoining Council Chambers. During the executive session, members of the public attending the meeting are welcome to remain in the Finance Conference Room. We anticipate adjourning the executive session and returning to the Finance Conference Room to reconvene the open portion of this meeting, at approximately 9:30 am.

The minutes will show that the executive session began at 9:04 am and was attended by the City Council, Attorney John Warcup, City Engineer, Assistant City Manager, City Attorney, City Clerk, and Finance Director.

The motion to adjourn the executive session and return to the Regular City Council meeting was initiated by City Council Member Fuller, seconded by City Council Member Pitner and carried by the following roll call vote: ayes: Mike Blessum, Rob Fuller, Mike Hayes, Lisa Olson, Paul Pitner, Scott Samuelson; nays: None.

The minutes will show that the executive session was adjourned at 9:22 am. The City Council has returned to the Finance Conference Room, and we are now back in open session.

POTENTIAL ACTION FOLLOWING EXECUTIVE SESSION

There was no potential action following the executive session.

ADJOURNMENT

The motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:22 am was initiated by City Council Member Pitner, seconded by City Council Member Hayes and carried by the following roll call vote: ayes: Mike Blessum, Rob Fuller, Mike Hayes, Paul Pitner, Scott Samuelson; nays: None.

ATTEST:


Mikayla McWilliams, City Clerk

APPROVED:


Mark Jantzer, Mayor