BOARD OF CITY COMMISSIONERS
Fargo, North Dakota

Special Meeting: Monday: November 10, 2014:

Agreeable with a call for a Special Meeting issued by Mayor Walaker, the Board of City Commissioners of the City of Fargo, North Dakota, convened in a Special Meeting in the City Commission Room at City Hall at 7:00 o'clock a.m., Monday,
November 10, 2014.

The Commissioners present or absent were as shown following:

Present: Mahoney, Piepkorn, Sobolik, Williams, Walaker (via conference call).

Absent: None

Deputy Mayor Mahoney presiding.

City Attorney Erik Johnson announced that there is a contract negotiation matter to be discussed in Executive Session. He said North Dakota Century Code Section 44-04-19.1 subd 9 allows a governing body to hold an Executive Session to confer with City attorneys regarding contract negotiations. He said the Board will reconvene publicly following that discussion.

Commissioner Piepkorn moved the Commissioners meet in Executive Session in the River Room as authorized by NDCC, Section 44-04-19.1 subd 9 to discuss said matter.

Second by Sobolik. All the Commissioners voted aye and the motion was declared carried.

At 7:02 a.m. the Board moved to the River Room to discuss the contract negotiation matter in Executive Session.

Members present were: Mahoney, Piepkorn, Sobolik, Williams and Walaker (via conference call).

Absent and not voting: None.

The Executive Session closed at 7:24.o'clock a.m. and the Commission reconvened in public session at 7:28 o'clock a.m.

All Commissioners present (Mayor Walaker via conference call). Deputy Mayor Mahoney presiding.

City Attorney Erik Johnson said the contract negotiation discussed in Executive Session was for a separation agreement with Chief of Police Keith Ternes.

Commissioner Piepkorn moved the separation agreement for Chief of Police Keith Ternes be approved.

Second by Williams. On call of the roll Commissioners Piepkorn, Williams, Sobolik, Walaker and Mahoney voted aye.

No Commissioner being absent and none voting nay, the motion was declared carried.

City Administrator Pat Zavoral said the separation agreement pays Chief Ternes until July 31, 2015. He said he would suggest naming an interim Chief of Police immediately; however, the search for a new Chief of Police could be conducted later, likely in the spring. Job openings for department heads require a national search and take 90 to 120 days, he said, and from a budgetary standpoint it makes sense to implement a start date to coincide with the conclusion of Chief Ternes' pay.

Commissioner Piepkorn moved Captain David Todd be appointed to serve as Interim Chief of Police.

Second by Sobolik. On call of the roll Commissioners Piepkorn, Sobolik, Williams, Walaker and Mahoney voted aye.

No Commissioner being absent and none voting nay, the motion was declared carried.

Commissioner Sobolik moved that the Board adjourn.

Second by Piepkorn. All the Commissioners voted aye and the motion was declared carried.

The time at adjournment was 7:34 a.m.