

City of Coolidge  
Workshop  
Official Minutes

June 20, 2023  
5:30 P.M.

**Call to Order**

Councilmember Melissa Johnson invited Attorney, Kyle Swann, to come speak to Council and give his credentials for consideration for the City Attorney position.

Mr. Swann stated he has been in practice for about 10 years now. He works with the Law Firm of Whelchel & Carlton, LLP, in their Thomasville office. Mr. Swann has been the City Attorney for the City of Boston for the past three years.

Councilmember Leger asked Mr. Swann what are his fees for his services and what services do those fees provide. He stated he charges \$500.00 to attend a Council Meeting and if there is any work done outside of the meeting, he charges \$275.00 per hour. He stated he only charges for his services, not paralegal services, and does not charge for phone calls or emails. He clarified that if someone does call or email him asking him to research something, he will charge his hourly rate for the time it takes to do the research.

Councilmember Leger asked if he has done any other Municipality work and does he have any type of relationship with GMA. Mr. Swann answered yes, he does work with GMA. He stated that one of his partners with the Law Firm he works with represents the City of Berlin and he assisted him with the City of Berlin until he was appointed by the City of Boston to be their City Attorney.

With no further questions, Mayor Causey thanked Mr. Swann for coming and speaking to Council and thanked Councilmember Melissa Johnson for calling him and asking him to come discuss his services with Council. Mayor Causey told Mr. Swann that Council will consider the options available and make a decision.

**Agenda Items Discussed:**

**\* Special Election Ordinance:**

There is a blank space for the Superintendent of Qualifying, and Mayor Causey suggested appointing Meritta Patillo to that position when the item is up for a vote.

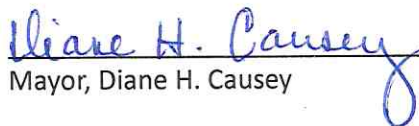
(Councilmember Gilligan arrived in the Workshop at 5:50 P.M.)

**\* Bills to be paid:**

Specifically, City Attorney charges.

**Adjourn**

Workshop adjourned.

  
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Mayor, Diane H. Causey

  
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Asst. City Clerk, Stephanie Mock

**Present**

Councilmember elect F. Johnson  
Councilmember Braswell  
Councilmember Leger  
Councilmember M. Johnson  
Councilmember Gilligan (5:50 P.M.)  
City Manager, Don Cole

**Absent**