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Minutes

**MAYOR AND COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING - JUNE 10, 2020, AT 6:00 P.M.
CITY HALL, OUTDOOR VENUE AT NORTH SIDE OF BUILDING
425 10TH STREET, DOUGLAS, AZ 85607**

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** 6:00 p.m.
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** by Council
3. **INVOCATION** by Mrs. Elsa Uribe
4. **ROLL CALL.**

	PRESENT	ABSENT
MAYOR, ROBERT URIBE	X	
COUNCILMEMBER, MARGARET MORALES	X	
COUNCILMEMBER, MITCH LINDEMANN	X	
COUNCILMEMBER, DONALD HUISH	X	
COUNCILMEMBER, RAY SHELTON	X	
COUNCILMEMBER, CESAR SOTO	X	
COUNCILMEMBER, JOSE GRIJALVA	X	
CITY MANAGER, JERENE WATSON	X	
CITY ATTORNEY, JUAN PABLO FLORES	X	
CITY TREASURER, LUIS PEDROZA	X	
ACTING CITY CLERK, ALMA ANDRADE	X	

5. **PERSONS WISHING TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL IN WRITING OR VERBALLY ON ANY ITEM NOT ON THE AGENDA.**

Acting City Clerk, Alma Andrade stated no citizen participation forms were submitted.

6. **COMMENTS BY COUNCIL MEMBER CESAR SOTO.**

Council Member Soto provided the following comment: thanked the community and the city of Douglas for giving him the opportunity to serve as council member for two years and that it was an honored to have served. Additionally, Council Member Soto stated he worked for the school district and that the school district and the city of Douglas had things in common and would still be available in that capacity, to hopefully help the entire the community. Furthermore, Council Member Soto expressed that the community and the entire country was handling with covid19 issues and wished for everyone to be safe. As a final comment, Council Member Soto congratulated Mayor Elect Huish and new the council and wished them to continue with the momentum as current council was and to stay safe.

7. **PRESENTATION OF AWARD TO COUNCIL MEMBERS MARGARET MORALES, DONALD HUISH AND CESAR SOTO.**

Mayor Uribe presented awards to Council Members Margaret Morales, Donald Huish and Cesar Soto for their years of service to the community.

8. **CERTIFICATE OF SPECIAL CONGRESSIONAL RECOGNITION BY SENATOR MARTHA McSALLY TO DONALD HUISH.**

Mayor Pro Tempore Mitch Lindemann presented the special congressional recognition by Senator Martha McSally to Mayor Elect Donald Huish.

9. COMMENTS BY MAYOR ROBERT URIBE.

Mayor Uribe provided the following comment:

Congratulations to Mr. Baldenegro, Mrs. Acosta, Mrs. Morales, and Mayor Elect Huish and wished them the very best success in the city. Additionally, Mayor Uribe commented he wanted to thank God, may God bless the City of Douglas and that he was proud of everybody. Mayor Uribe made the following comment: "We did it."

As a final comment, Mayor Uribe stated that he was proud of the City, proud of the opportunity to have served, proud of his wife, proud of the leadership, proud of council and that in his heart, there was no ill or hard feelings. "We did it" and that he was proud.

10. PRESENTATION OF AWARD TO MAYOR ROBERT URIBE BY MAYOR PRO TEMPORE MITCH LINDEMANN.

Mayor Pro Tempore Lindemann presented Mayor Uribe an award from the League of Cities and Towns Executive Committee; and the City of Douglas' award for his distinguished years of service to the Douglas community.

11. OATH OF OFFICE TO NEWLY ELECTED COUNCIL MEMBERS: MARGARET MORALES - WARD 1, DANYA ACOSTA - WARD 3, AND MICHAEL BALDENEGRO - WARD 5.

Judge Alma Vildosola administered the oath of office to newly elected Council Members Margaret Morales, Danya Acosta and Michael Baldenegro.

12. COMMENTS BY COUNCIL MEMBERS.

Council Member Morales thanked everyone for attending the ceremony and also thanked her constituents in her ward. Additionally, Council Member Morales congratulated Mayor Uribe and Mr. Soto for their service and wished them the best in their future endeavors. As a final comment, Council Member Morales welcomed Mr. Baldenegro and Mrs. Acosta to the council and stated she was looking forward to working with them.

Council Member Acosta thanked everyone for attending the ceremony and for the trust in her in the new position and stated she looked forward in working with Mayor and Council. Moreover, Council Member Acosta thanked her constituents. As a final comment, Council Member Acosta added that if there was anything she could do to assist to contact her.

Council Member Baldenegro thanked God and his wife for the opportunity of being elected, and stated that without her support it would not been possible during the election process. Additionally, Council Member Baldenegro commented that he was elected to serve his constituents and the citizens of Douglas.

13. OATH OF OFFICE TO NEWLY ELECTED MAYOR DONALD C. HUISH.

Judge Alma Vildosola administered the oath of Office to Mayor Elect Huish.

14. COMMENTS BY MAYOR DONALD C. HUISH.

Mayor Huish provided the following comment:

Thanked everyone for coming out to celebrate Douglas and appreciated the attendance both physical and via video of many elected officials and representatives from local, county, state and Federal Government. Additionally, Mayor Huish thanked the dear friends from Agua Prieta and the associates from

the Mexican Consulate Office. Moreover, Mayor Huish expressed that he was deeply thankful for the citizens of Douglas that came out to show their support and passion for the future of Douglas.

Mayor Huish added that the future of Douglas was bright, Mayor Uribe and the outgoing council along with previous Mayors and Council have left a strong foundation on which to build projects such as the commercial port of entry, sewer plant expansion, street improvements program, Downtown beautification, etc., were advanced during the past four years and at hence over the next four years. Furthermore, Mayor Huish stated that although the foundation was strong it needed some repairs and to rest assured it would be mended which would allowed Douglas to move forward and expand its potential.

Mayor Huish commented that each of the citizens would reach for higher standards with the vision of better things to come. Additionally, Mayor Huish stated that the citizens of Douglas had set their confidence in Mayor Huish and on newly elected council, therefore, they do not take the responsibility lightly. However, Mayor Huish stated that they could not do it alone and it would take a united effort to move Douglas forward in the manner all desired. Mayor Huish continued to say that being united was the best and only way the potential could be achieved.

Furthermore, Mayor Huish commented that each citizen that was able would needed to contribute their talents and abilities to strengthen the community, and at the same time it was encouraging to have many individuals and families asked on what they could do to help. Mayor Huish stated that they do not always need to serve on a board or committee to feel they are contributing, and that each day they could choose to represent Douglas in a positive manner through their words and especially through actions.

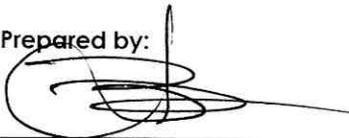
Mayor Huish commented that individual kindness and respect for each other made for a better world. Additionally, Mayor Huish expressed that he could not help reflecting from his grandparents Jessie and Katie Huish when they were in need of a new place to live, they came to Douglas along with their infant daughter, and stated that they found Douglas a very welcoming community just like it was currently or where they could make a decent living, a place of opportunity, a place where they could raise a family in a safe environment where their children could grow and succeed; a place they could call home.

As a final comment, Mayor Huish shared the vision and would put forth his best efforts to see it to fruition as they continued to build a community that strengthens the family, they would attract more people like each and every one of the attendees; and he asked for all to joined them in the worthy endeavor. Lastly, Mayor Huish thanked everyone for their support and for attending the swearing in ceremony. As a final comment, Mayor Huish expressed God Bless each and every one, may God Bless the beautiful Douglas community, and may God Bless America.

15. **ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion by Council Member Morales, second by Council Member Shelton to adjourn the meeting at 6:20 p.m.

Prepared by:



Alma Andrade, Acting City Clerk

Members of the City of Douglas Council will attend either in person or by telephone.

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