

CITY OF PEORIA, ARIZONA
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY HALL
August 30, 2007

A meeting of the **Personnel Board**, City of Peoria, Arizona was convened at 8401 W. Monroe Street in open and public session at 6:30 p.m.

Members Present: Vice Chairman Carol Garner, William Schindler; and Alternate Member Dennis Cheney

Members Absent: Chairman Cheryl Compton

Board Attorney Present: Fredda Bisman, Attorney-at-Law

Staff Present: Steve Burg, Chief Assistant City Attorney; Larry Ratcliff, Chief of Police; Greg Eckman, Human Resources Director; and Natalie Gilstrap, Executive Assistant

Others Present: Mr. Luis Grijalva, Appellant; and Mr. Martin Bihn, Appellant's attorney.

Audience: Approximately 3 members of the public were present.

Minutes:

Motion was made by William Schindler, seconded by Dennis Cheney, to approve the minutes of the August 8, 2006 Personnel Board meeting. Upon vote, the motion carried unanimously.

New Business:

1. Personnel Board Appeal Number 07-01

Personnel Board Appeal Number 07-01 was heard in Open Session. Mr. Martin Bihn was present and represented the Appellant, Mr. Luis Grijalva. Mr. Steve Burg, Chief Assistant City Attorney was present and represented the Respondent, the City of Peoria.

Mr. Burg presented arguments in favor of upholding the Hearing Officer's recommendation to sustain the termination of Mr. Luis Grijalva.

Mr. Bihn stated that Mr. Grijalva wished to speak on his own behalf. Mr. Luis Grijalva read a statement defending his position and opposing the Hearing Officer's recommendation.

Mr. Burg made a brief rebuttal in response to Mr. Grijalva's statement.

Motion was made by William Schindler, seconded by Dennis Cheney, to reject the Hearing Officer's recommendation. Upon vote, the motion carried by a vote of two to one with Carol Garner voting "no".

2. Authorization to Hold an Executive Session

No Executive Session was held.

Adjournment:

Being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was duly adjourned 8:55 p.m.

Carl Garner, Vice Chair

Secretary