



**The City of Liberty
City Council
Special Called Meeting
~ Minutes ~**

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Wednesday, November 5, 2008

6:00 PM

City Council Chambers

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Meeting was called to order on November 5, 2008 at the City Council Chambers, 1829 Sam Houston, Liberty, TX at 6:00 PM by Mayor Carl Pickett.

II. INVOCATION

Mayor Pickett dispensed with the Invocation.

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Pickett dispensed with the Pledge of Allegiance.

IV. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF GUESTS AND VISITORS / PUBLIC COMMENT

Mayor Pickett welcomed guests and visitors, opening the floor for Public Comment.

Various members of the Liberty Police Department addressed the Council expressing their support of Chief Cummings; asking that Mike Cummings be reinstated as Chief of Police.

V. REGULAR AGENDA

The Regular Session was taken out of order and discussed after the Executive Session and agenda item CA-2008-58.

A. Regular Session

1. Council Action 2008-57

Consider Approval of the Method by Which a New Police Chief Will be Selected.

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

City Manager Ron Wood discussed with Council the various options for the selection of a new Police Chief. Mr. Woods stated that management could conduct its own search or could employ the services of an executive search firm. A brief discussion was held regarding the pros and cons of each process.

A motion was made to table this item until the next regular meeting on November 11, 2008.

RESULT:	TABLED [UNANIMOUS]	Next: 11/11/2008 6:00 PM
MOVER:	Louie Potetz, Councilperson	
SECONDER:	Dennis Beasley, Councilperson	
AYES:	Pickett, Beasley, Huddleston, McCarty, Simonson, Potetz, Jordan	

B. Executive Session

Consultation With Attorney. Gov. Code §551.071.
Personnel Matters. Gov. Code §551.074.

1. Deliberate and discuss employment of a Chief of Police.

At 6:32 p.m., Mayor Pickett closed the open meeting and opened the Executive Session as authorized above.

C. Reconvene into Regular Session

At 8:45 p.m., Mayor Pickett closed the Executive Session and reconvened the open meeting.

1. Council Action 2008-58

Consider and Approve Employment of a Chief of Police.

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

There was no action taken on this agenda item.

VI. COUNCIL MEAL

Council shared an evening meal.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Motion To: Adjourn

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

There being no further business before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Frank Jordan, Councilperson
SECONDER:	Dennis Beasley, Councilperson
AYES:	Pickett, Beasley, Huddleston, McCarty, Simonson, Potetz, Jordan

Carl Pickett, Mayor

ATTEST:

Dianne Tidwell, City Secretary