

**TOWN COUNCIL OF DEWEY-HUMBOLDT
SPECIAL SESSION MEETING NOTICE**

Tuesday, January 9, 2018, 2:00 P.M.

**SPECIAL SESSION MEETING
2735 S. HWY 69**

**COUNCIL CHAMBERS, TOWN HALL
DEWEY-HUMBOLDT, ARIZONA**

AGENDA SUMMARY

1. **Call To Order.** Mayor Nolan called the meeting to order at 2:03 p.m.
2. **Roll Call.** Town Council Members Jack Hamilton, Mark McBrady, Doug Treadway, Vice Mayor John Hughes and Mayor Terry Nolan were present. Council Members Amy Timmons and Victoria Wendt were absent.
3. **Study Session.** No legal action to be taken.

3.1. Discussion of the initiation of the review of the General Plan Update.

Town Manager Wilson gave an overview of this agenda item noting during the discussion that the current General Plan has appeared to serve the Town fairly well and does not require substantial work. He addressed this agenda item's Attachment A in the packet - Dewey-Humboldt Vision 2028, A Statement Describing the Next Twenty Years. Staff does not make any suggestion for changes of the first portion of the statement, as it is rationale, straightforward and makes sense. Staff made suggested revisions or considerations to the second two portions of the statement, which had a lot of duplication. Staff presented a handout wherein the items were combined, clarified and shortened.

There was Council discussion regarding the statement.

Town Manager Wilson requested Council to review the statement and provide input. There was consensus that Council would review the statement and provide any changes or consideration by the end of January and this matter would be placed on the February 20, 2018, Regular Council Meeting agenda for possible action.

Public Comment

Nancy Wright spoke of believing that the second paragraph of the statement had previously been struck by Council.

Town Manager Wilson spoke of a misconception regarding the composition of the citizen committee that was discussed at the December 19, 2017, Regular Council Meeting, wherein he erroneously said that former Council or Committee Members should not be included in the composition of the committee. He said that he misspoke and it was wrong. Any citizen or business member is eligible to serve on the committee. He asked that Council Members provide their nominees for the citizen committee to Staff by January 19, 2017.

4. **Special Session.** Legal action can be taken.

4.1. Discussion and possible action amending the Town of Dewey-Humboldt, Arizona Code of Ordinances, Title III Administration, Chapter 30 Town Council and Officials, Subchapter Council Meeting, § 30.105 Council Agenda, § 30.101 Regular Meetings and § 30.102 Study Sessions related to Council Meeting Schedules; Providing for a Savings Clause; and Providing for Repeal of Conflicting Ordinances.

Councilmember Hamilton stated that if there were was going to be a change in the ordinance than other changes needed to be made, as well. He recommended language being included to allow

the Mayor the ability to call additional meetings under § 10.031 Mayor Duties, as well as a provision to cancel meetings due to holidays, etc... He noted these were technicalities, but they need to be addressed. Town Manager Wilson noted that the revisions for action are modeled on the current ordinance and were reviewed by the Town Attorney. Councilmember Hamilton recommended his suggestion regarding meeting cancellations be reviewed by the Town Attorney. He noted there needs to be better control over the meetings adhering to guidelines for public comment. He also noted that the public need to know that they can also submit comment by email or in writing to the Town and this language could be included on the meeting agenda. Councilmember Hamilton spoke against legal action being taken at Work Sessions. If action is required, it should come back to an evening session. Mayor Nolan spoke of this prolonging the evening meetings and noted there are times that decisions need to be made during Study Session, but that it does not happen all the time.

Councilmember McBrady agreed with Councilmember Hamilton that Study Sessions should be for study and that the public understands this. if you need to take action, you can call another meeting. He has disagreed with the concept of using study sessions for special sessions for years.

Vice Mayor Hughes supported two meetings a month. He noted that Council Members should arrive having done their homework and be prepared to do their jobs. He felt that meetings were being prolonged due to lack of preparation.

Councilmember Treadway supported Option A with 2:00 p.m. Work Sessions. He had no problem with a special session when necessary. He noted that two Council Members were not present at this meeting, but he agrees with comments from Mayor Nolan and Vice Mayor Hughes, that things still have to get done, even if there are Council Members absent. Councilmember Treadway believes it is the meeting topics that determine attendance, not the meeting times.

Councilmember Treadway made a motion to adopt the Option A of Ordinance 18-141, seconded by Councilmember Hamilton.

Public Comment

Nancy Wright spoke in support of the Option A version of Ordinance 18-141, which she summarized as the best of both worlds - some people can't come out at night, and some can't come during the day. She did take issue to a comment she heard made, if a citizen is not at a meeting, their opinion does not count. She cited this as discouraging. She noted that citizens could email or write letters for inclusion. Ms. Wright also commented that some employers would give time off to employees, if they know they are doing their civic duty or allow them to rearrange their schedule to attend meetings. She also noted that at some point in time, Council Members cannot always be in attendance at meetings. If there is a quorum, you do the business and keep moving.

Mayor Nolan called the vote. The motion passed by a 4-1 vote, with Councilmember McBrady voting against.

4.2. Whether to hold additional special session(s) this month. This is an established agenda item for Council's discussion on whether to add an additional special study session and if so, to set the date.

No additional meetings were scheduled.

5. Adjourn.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:52 p.m.