



## CITY COUNCIL CALLS EXECUTIVE SESSION

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The City of Airway Heights City Council called an Executive Session at the regularly scheduled study session last evening.

The City Attorney described the reason for the executive session was to discuss the performance of a public official per RCW 42.30.110(1)(f).

Immediately following the 30 minute executive session, councilmembers made public comments and took action. The following is a summary of the Council's comments.

Deputy Mayor Kevin Richey – The statements made by the Mayor do not reflect the values of Airway Heights or my values. The City has come a long way. I was very disappointed in the Mayor and I have asked him to step down.

Councilmember Jack Collins – The comments made by the Mayor do not represent what I stand for. I too, have asked for the Mayor to step down.

Councilmember Tanya Dashiell – I am asking that you resign because we should hold ourselves to a higher standard. This is not reflective of the community, the council or the staff.

Councilmember Dave Malet – This is in no way reflective of the council or staff. The city in no way supports these actions.

Councilmember Steve Lawrence – I have lived here longer than anyone at this table. We have worked hard to change the way people think of Airway Heights and this will be difficult to come back from.

Deputy Mayor Richey made a motion directing the City Attorney to draft a Resolution regarding the dissatisfaction of the City Council in the performance of Mayor Rushing, requesting his resignation and consideration of other sanctions. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Collins. The motion passed, 5-1 (Richey, Collins, Lawrence, Dashiell, Malet in favor and Rushing opposed)

The City Attorney will have the Resolution drafted for the City Council meeting on July 20, 2015.

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