

CITY COMMISSION MEETING - SPECIAL

MINUTES

JULY 26, 2016

2:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER

Vice Mayor Falkenstein called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

INVOCATION

PRESENT:

Rick Falkenstein, Vice Mayor
Terri Finnerty, Commissioner
Ward Friszolowski, Commissioner
Melinda Pletcher, Commissioner

ALSO PRESENT:

Wayne Saunders, City Manager
Andrew Dickman, City Attorney
Rebecca C. Haynes, City Clerk

1. Interview Candidates for the Mayor-Commissioner Vacancy

Vice Mayor Falkenstein and City Attorney Dickman provided a brief overview of the interview and selection process allowing three minutes for candidate introduction, ten minutes for questions and answers, and two minutes for candidate closing statement.

The Commission interviewed the following persons for the Mayor-Commissioner vacancy:

- Mr. Deforrest Bailey
- Mr. John Childers
- Mr. John-Michael Fleig
- Ms. Colleen Horan
- Mr. Sean Hurley
- Mr. Al Johnson
- Mr. Fritz Kloepfel
- Mr. Austin Piazza
- Mr. Gregory Premer

- Ms. Deborah Schechner

2. Selection of Interim Mayor-Commissioner

Commissioners voted by individual ballot with the following results:

- **Ms. Deborah Schechner:** 2 (Commissioner Finnerty, Vice Mayor Falkenstein)
- **Mr. Gregory Premer:** 2 (Commissioner Friszolowski, Commissioner Pletcher)

Discussion ensued with each commissioner stating the reasoning for his/her candidate selection.

Commissioner Finnerty made a motion to appoint Ms. Deborah Schechner to serve as interim mayor for St. Pete Beach. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Pletcher.

Vice Mayor Falkenstein called for audience comments.

Steven Betz, Vina del Mar, spoke in support of the interview process.

Fran Trivison, Boca Ciega Isle Drive, spoke in support of her preferred candidate.

Harry Metz, Pass-A-Grille Way, spoke in support of his preferred candidate.

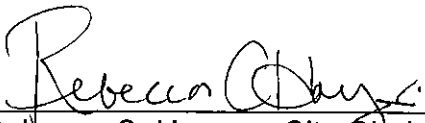
Hearing no further audience comments, Vice Mayor Falkenstein called for the vote.

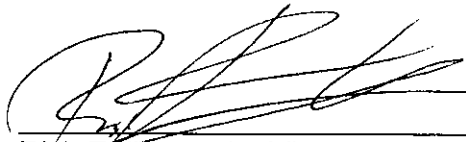
The motion was passed by a 3-1 vote with Commissioner Finnerty, Commissioner Pletcher and Vice Mayor Falkenstein voting yes and Commissioner Friszolowski voting no.

3. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

Attest:


Rebecca C. Haynes, City Clerk


Rick Falkenstein, Vice Mayor

Minutes approved on: 8/23/2016