

CITY COMMISSION MEETING – SPECIAL MEETING

MINUTES

OCTOBER 14, 2014

4:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

INVOCATION

PRESENT:

Maria Lowe, Mayor
Melinda Pletcher, Vice Mayor
Terri Finnerty, Commissioner
Rick Falkenstein, Commissioner
Gregory Premer, Commissioner

ALSO PRESENT:

Elaine Edmunds, Interim City Manager
Andrew Dickman, City Attorney
Mary Jo Murphy, Deputy City Clerk

Mayor Lowe informed the Commission that Mr. Premer would arrive at approximately 4:45 p.m. City Attorney Dickman advised the board to recess until Commissioner Premer arrives.

At this time, the Commission recessed until 4:45 p.m.

1. Action Items

a. Selection of City Manager

City Attorney Dickman explained the voting process to the Commission. Mayor Lowe asked if there was any discussion needed amongst the Commissioners before voting. There were no comments from the Commissioners and the voting procedure took place at this time.

Mayor Lowe read the results to the Commission. There was not a five-vote consensus. Four Commissioners selected Candidate Wayne Saunders and one Commissioner selected Candidate Bret Bauer. Since there was not a five-Commissioner vote, there

was a discussion amongst the Commission about the candidates. Having a super majority of four, Mayor Lowe confirmed with Commissioner Premier that he would be comfortable working with Mr. Saunders and asked for any further discussion from the Commission. Commissioner Premier agreed and there were no further comments from the Commission.

- b. Authorization to enter into negotiations with the selected City Manager candidate.

Hearing no further discussion, Mayor Lowe asked City Attorney Dickman to enter into negotiations with Mr. Saunders for employment.

Mayor Lowe posed the question to City Attorney Dickman about the votes being retained. City Attorney Dickman stated the Clerk should retain the votes.

City Attorney Dickman stated that there needed to be a vote for Colin Baenziger and Associates to offer the position to the Commission's selected person and then a vote to have the City Attorney to begin negotiating the current contract with the future City Manager, Mr. Wayne Saunders. After negotiations with Mr. Saunders, City Attorney Dickman will return to the Commission to finalize the contract.

Mayor Lowe confirmed with Rick Conner of Colin Baenziger and Associates that the procedures taken thus far were correct and Mr. Conner agreed.

Vice Mayor Pletcher moved to have Colin Baenziger and Associates offer the position of City Manager for the City of St. Pete Beach to Wayne Saunders. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Finnerty.

Mayor Lowe called for audience comments.

There being no audience comments, Mayor Lowe called for the roll call vote.

The motion was unanimously approved by an individual roll call vote.

Mayor Lowe asked Vice Mayor Pletcher to read the next motion.

Vice Mayor Pletcher moved to have Andrew Dickman negotiate the contract for the new City Manager and bring to the City Commission to finalize. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Premier.

Mayor Lowe called for audience comments.

There being no audience comments, Mayor Lowe called for the roll call vote.

The motion was unanimously approved by an individual roll call vote.

Vice Mayor Pletcher mentioned researching and discussing the following items: salary grades compared to other cities, incentive packages, car allowance vs. city vehicle, insurance, and retirement.

Ms. Edmunds, Interim City Manager, advised the Commission that the package she sent the Commission was the total package cost for the City Manager position as budgeted and the new City Manager could pick and choose what's important in the package. City Attorney Dickman stated he will confer with Ms. Edmunds to review different packages.

Mayor Lowe informed City Attorney Dickman to notify the Commission when he is ready to have the Commission reconvene to finalize the City Manager contract.

Ms. Edmunds posed the question to the Commission if there was a requirement for the City Manager to live in the city. The Commission stated it was preferable.

Commissioner Premier commended and thanked Ms. Edmunds for her excellent work while performing the position of Interim City Manager.

Mayor Lowe asked about offering the new City Manager a car allowance versus using the city vehicle. Ms. Edmunds commented that the majority of city managers preferred having a car allowance.

Mayor Lowe encouraged having a timed contract versus an open-ended contract.

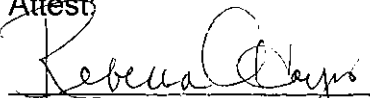
Mayor Lowe proposed three years and brought the topic up for discussion amongst the Commission. City Attorney Dickman advised the Commission that he will discuss this during negotiations with Mr. Saunders.

Commissioner Falkenstein suggested offering a cost of living allowance.

2. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

Attest:


Rebecca C. Haynes, City Clerk


Maria Lowe, Mayor

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