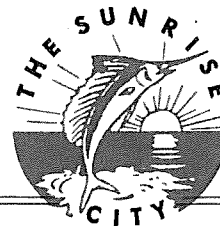


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RE: RESIGNATION AS CITY ATTORNEY FOR CITY OF FORT PIERCE

Dear Mayor and Commissioners:

This letter serves to follow up on the meeting of the City Commission of the City of Fort Pierce which took place this past Monday on October 5, 2015. It will be recalled that at such meeting's conclusion, there was an unexpected expression of consensus by a majority of the Commission that there is no further interest in my continued service as City Attorney.

As you are, of course, aware, beginning with my predecessor, John T. Brennan, my firm has had the honor of serving the City's legal interests for over 40 years. I served as Assistant City Attorney and City Attorney for over 34 years and my partners and I, together with the rest of our staff, represent over 150 years of accumulated institutional memory. Throughout my tenure as City Attorney, I have charged myself and my staff with the responsibility to protect the legal interests and assets of the City in the conduct of its day-to-day business and the prosecution and defense of legal challenges with the highest level of professionalism, ethics and dedication. As City Attorney, I believe I have fulfilled these responsibilities in a timely, responsive and ethical manner through superior legal talent operating in an open, progressive and balanced environment so as to serve the people of the City of Fort Pierce in a legal framework that protects and enhances the public health, safety and general welfare. In the recent 2015 study of this office initiated by the Commission, your expert consultant on behalf of the International Municipal Lawyers Association wrote the following:

"... the City Attorney offers quality legal services through a staff of highly skilled attorneys and paralegals and the people of City of Fort Pierce are blessed with a dedicated team of attorneys and a management team that is committed to

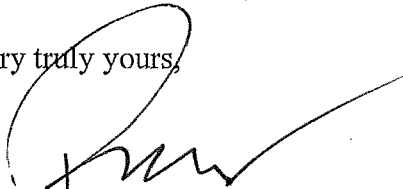
making the lives of the people of Fort Pierce better by enhancing their quality of life and operating an efficient and cost effective government ... You have excellent legal services.”

As your City Attorney, I am happy to accept this assessment as a final judgment of my service to the City, the Mayors and Commissioners with whom I have served, and to our Community. Regrettably, my fulfillment of the duties of the Office of the City Attorney is no longer seen as cause for satisfaction by a majority of those to whom we report. The sacred relationship existing between attorney and client is sustained only when there is unqualified trust and confidence. Absent that, there is no choice but to tender my resignation as City Attorney, and the resignation of my staff. Should the Commission find this acceptable, such resignation will take effect 90 days hereinafter, or on January 4, 2016.

That will allow the Commission sufficient time to retain a new City Attorney and the staff that will be necessary in order to assume the heavy responsibility and the ongoing workload of this office. Please rest assured that I will work through this transitional phase to avoid any diminishment in legal services under the City's Charter to the Commission and the many Boards and Committees through which it governs.

My staff and I offer warmest thanks for the opportunity given to us by the people of Fort Pierce to serve their interests, and as always, I will continue to remain,

Very truly yours,



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