

MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF FORT PIERCE, FLORIDA, HELD IN THE CITY HALL COMMISSION CHAMBERS, 100 NORTH U.S. #1, FORT PIERCE, FLORIDA, AT 1:30 P.M. ON THURSDAY, **MARCH 10, 2016.**

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Hudson called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Linda Hudson; Commissioner Edward Becht; Commissioner Thomas Perona;
Commissioner Reginald Sessions

Absent: Commissioner Rufus Alexander

Staff Present: City Clerk Linda Cox
City Manager Nicholas Mimms
City Attorney James Walker

Commissioner Alexander arrived at 1:32 p.m.

4. CITY ATTORNEY INTERVIEWS

The Mayor and City Commission conducted 25 minute individual interviews with the following candidates:

- a. Gary M. Glassman
- b. John S. Turner
- c. Philip N. Sherwin
- d. James M. Messer
- e. Iola T. Mosley

5. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

There were no comments from the public.

At 3:31 p.m., the Mayor announced they would take recess and return at 4:30.

6. NEW BUSINESS

The meeting was reconvened by Mayor Hudson at 4:30 p.m.

- a. Discussion, ranking and selection of City Attorney.

Mr. Colin Baenziger, of Colin Baenziger & Associates gave a brief overview of the suggested procedure for selecting the City Attorney. Each Commissioner was asked to select their top two candidates.

Commissioner Sessions selected James Messer and John Turner.
Commissioner Perona selected Gary Glassman and James Messer.
Commissioner Becht selected James Messer and John Turner.
Commissioner Alexander selected Lola Mosley and Philip Sherwin.
Mayor Hudson selected Gary Glassman and John Turner.

The City Clerk indicated there were two votes for Mr. Glassman, three for Mr. Messer, one for Ms. Mosely, one for Mr. Sherwin and three for Mr. Turner. Accordingly, Mr. Messer and Mr. Turner were the top vote getters.

The Mayor and Commission elected to move forward with the second ballot where they were asked to select one candidate. Commissioners Sessions, Perona and Becht selected Mr. Messer; Mayor Hudson and Commissioner Alexander selected Mr. Turner.

Mr. Baenziger indicated that if agreeable, Mr. Messer would be the first choice and Mr. Turner the second choice.

The Mayor and Commission agreed that we had five outstanding candidates.

Motion was made by Commissioner Edward Becht, seconded by Commissioner Rufus Alexander to name Mr. Messer as #1 candidate and Mr. Turner as the #2 candidate.

AYE: Mayor Linda Hudson, Commissioner Rufus Alexander, Commissioner Edward Becht,
Commissioner Thomas Perona, Commissioner Reginald Sessions
Passed

Mr. Mimms indicated that he has prepared a draft contract would proceed with contract negotiations with Mr. Messer.

7. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 4:42 p.m.

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK

MAYOR COMMISSIONER