

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 4:00 P.M. ON **MONDAY, NOVEMBER 26, 2018.**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Hudson called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

**2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**3. ROLL CALL**

Present: Mayor Linda Hudson; Commissioner Rufus Alexander; Commissioner Jeremiah Johnson; Commissioner Thomas Perona; Commissioner Reginald Sessions

Staff Present: Interim City Attorney Benjamin Bryan  
City Clerk Linda Cox  
City Manager Nicholas Mimms

Commissioner Sessions arrived at 4:06 p.m.

**4. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**

There were no comments from the public.

**5. DISCUSSION REGARDING CITY ATTORNEY SEMI-FINALISTS SELECTION PROCESS - COLIN BAENZIGER**

Mr. Mimms introduced and thanked Colin Baenziger for his assistance.

**6. REVIEW OF APPLICANTS - INFORMATION ATTACHED**

Mr. Baenziger provided a brief introduction and overview of all of the candidates. He explained the ballot process that they will be utilizing. Commissioner Perona suggested that internal candidates should be automatically included in the semi-finalists, which would be Lola Mosely. By consensus, the Commission agreed.

- a. Overview Memorandum and Complete Interview Book
- b. John J. Anastasio
- c. Lysia H. Bowling
- d. Cynthia A. Everett
- e. Susan M. Garrett
- f. Abigail "Abby" F. Jorandby
- g. Harlene S. Kennedy
- h. Lola T. Mosley
- i. Gary K. Oldehoff
- j. Peter "Pete" J. Sweeney
- k. V. Lynn Whitfield

**7. SELECTION OF SEMI-FINALISTS TO BE INTERVIEWED**

Mr. Baenziger distributed the ballots and asked that each Commissioner select up to four candidates.

Commissioner Alexander selected Bowling, Garrett, Mosley, Sweeney and Whitfield.

Mayor Hudson selected Everett, Jorandby and Sweeney.

Commissioner Johnson selected Anastasio, Garrett, Mosley, Oldenoff and Sweeney.

Commissioner Perona selected Everett, Garrett, Mosley, Oldenoff and Sweeney.

Commissioner Sessions selected Anastasio, Garrett, Jorandby, Mosley and Oldenoff.

Totals were as follows: Anastasio 2; Bowling 1; Everett 2, Garrett 4; Jorandby 2; Kennedy 0; Mosley - automatically included; Oldenoff 3; Sweeney 4; Whitfield 1. The four finalists are Garrett, Mosley, Oldenoff and Sweeney.

Commissioner Sessions inquired about the opportunity to individually speak with the current employers of the selected candidates.

After discussion, it was determined that one additional candidate would be selected from the three individuals receiving two votes. Mr. Baenziger distributed new ballots.

Commissioner Alexander selected Everett.

Mayor Hudson selected Jorandby.

Commissioner Johnson selected Jorandby.

Commissioner Perona selected Everett.

Commissioner Sessions selected Anastasio.

In order to break the tie between Everett and Jorandby, Commissioner Sessions selected Everett.

The candidates will be individually interviewed by the Mayor and City Commission on the morning of December 6. The Mayor and Commission as a full board will conduct interviews of all five candidates on December 6 beginning at 12:30 p.m. The Commission will be provided with sample questions for their use if desired in advance of the interviews.

## **8. ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting adjourned at 4:38 p.m.

ATTEST:

---

CITY CLERK

---

MAYOR COMMISSIONER