

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 1:00 P.M. ON **MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2021.**

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Hudson called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. ROLL CALL

Present: Commissioner Curtis Johnson, Jr.; Commissioner Jeremiah Johnson;
Commissioner Thomas Perona; Mayor Linda Hudson

Staff Present: City Clerk Linda Cox
City Manager Nicholas Mimms
Interim City Attorney Tanya Earley

4. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Any person who wishes to comment on any subject may be heard at this time. Please limit your comments to three (3) minutes or less, as directed by the Mayor, as this section of the Agenda is limited to fifteen minutes. The City Commission will not be able to take any official actions under Comments from the Public. Speakers will address the Mayor, Commissioners, and the Public with respect. Inappropriate language will not be tolerated.

There were no comments from the public.

5. CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Approve recommendation of Auditor Selection Committee to award Bid No. 2021-037 to the highest ranked respondent, DiBartolomeo, McBee, Hartley & Barnes.

Motion was made by Commissioner Jeremiah Johnson, seconded by Commissioner Thomas Perona to approve the Consent Agenda.

AYE: Commissioner Curtis Johnson, Jr., Commissioner Jeremiah Johnson,
Commissioner Thomas Perona, Mayor Linda Hudson

Passed

6. CITY ATTORNEY INTERVIEWS

David Krings, Slavin Management Consultants was present to address any questions the Mayor and Commissioners may have. He briefly went over the process and indicated that the candidates before them today were all highly qualified.

- a. Manny Anon, Jr.
- b. Aleksandr Boksner
- c. Tanya M. Earley

The Mayor and City Commissioners asked questions of all the candidates as a follow-up to their earlier individual, in-person interviews.

7. DISCUSSION AND SELECTION OF CITY ATTORNEY

The Mayor and Commissioners agreed that all of the candidates were highly qualified, and they had a tough decision in front of them. They determined that a paper vote was not needed and that after discussion, consensus was that they were each in support of Mrs. Earley.

Motion was made by Commissioner Thomas Perona, seconded by Commissioner Curtis Johnson, Jr. to appoint Mrs. Tanya Earley as City Attorney and direct staff to enter into contract negotiations with her.

AYE: Commissioner Curtis Johnson, Jr., Commissioner Jeremiah Johnson,
Commissioner Thomas Perona, Mayor Linda Hudson

Passed

The commissioners also discussed the historic practice of requiring the City Attorney to live within City limits within a certain number of years after beginning employment. After discussion, consensus was that city residency for the City Attorney should not be a requirement of employment. The commissioners asked to see a copy of the contract that had been previously used for their information.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Hudson adjourned the meeting at 2:50 p.m.

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK

MAYOR COMMISSIONER