

**ORGANIZATIONAL MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2013 - 10:00 A.M.
CITY HALL, COUNCIL CHAMBERS, VERO BEACH, FLORIDA**

Canvassing Board: City Manager, James O'Connor; City Attorney, Wayne Coment and City Clerk, Tammy Vock **Also Present:** Deputy City Clerk, Sherri Philo

1. Call to Order of Canvassing Board – City Attorney

Mr. Wayne Coment, City Attorney, called today's meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

A) Roll Call – Deputy City Clerk

Ms. Sherri Philo, Deputy City Clerk, performed the roll call.

B) Pledge of Allegiance – City Clerk

Mrs. Tammy Vock, City Clerk, led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

2. Certification of Election Results

A) Presentation of Election Results – City Clerk

The City Clerk reported that she received the Certified Election results and the election process went very smoothly.

B) Reading of Certification Resolution – City Manager

Mr. James O'Connor, City Manager, read the Resolution certifying the results of the Election in its entirety (please see attached).

C) Motion to Adopt Resolution Certifying Election Results

Mr. O'Connor made a motion to adopt the Resolution certifying the Election results. Mrs. Vock seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

3. Oath of Office of New Councilmembers

A) Administration of Oath of Office – City Clerk

The City Clerk administered the Oath of Office en masse to Mr. Richard Winger and Ms. Amelia Graves.

B) Adjournment of Canvassing Board

The Canvassing Board adjourned at 10:04 a.m.

C) Council Takes Seats at Dais

The City Councilmembers took their seats at the dais.

4. Election of New Mayor

A) Call for Nominations for Mayor – City Attorney

Mr. Kramer nominated Mr. Richard Winger for Mayor.

There were no other nominations.

B) Motion for Election of one of the Nominees as Mayor

Mr. Richard Winger was unanimously appointed Mayor.

C) Mayor assumes Control of Meeting

Mayor Winger assumed control of the meeting.

Mayor Winger was pleased to serve with each Councilmember. He felt that this was the smartest group since he has served on Council. There are four Mayors (three past Mayors and himself), which he did not think that has ever happened before. He said they represent a wide range of political views and he has every belief that they will reach wise decisions and move the City forward in giving the citizens what they want in the most sufficient manner. He said that Mr. Fletcher has served five terms, twice as Mayor, his father was Mayor, he was born here, and he probably has more institutional knowledge than the rest of the Council put together. He said Mrs. Turner is a gracious lady who was a great Mayor and is a great member of the Council. She has taken the lead in most of the work that has been done with the electric and he hopes that she will continue to do that. He said that she also has taken the lead in the Lagoon. He said that Mr. Kramer helped him early on and he learned a great deal from him. He said that Mr. Kramer has original ideas with new approaches on things that he (Mr. Kramer) feels will be good for the City.

5. Election of Vice-Mayor

A) Call for Nomination for Vice-Mayor – Mayor

Mayor Winger nominated Mr. Jay Kramer for Vice Mayor.

Mrs. Turner nominated herself for Vice Mayor. She explained the reason she would like to be Vice Mayor was not because of ego, but because as she continues to negotiate with FMPA on behalf of the City, the title of Vice Mayor does carry some clout.

There were no other nominations.

B) Motion for Election of One of the Nominees as Vice-Mayor

At this time, Council marked their ballots for Vice Mayor.

Mrs. Vock reported that Mr. Jay Kramer was the new Vice Mayor (ballots are attached to the original minutes).

6. Seating Assignment & Appointments to Commission and Boards

Mayor Winger asked Mrs. Turner to sit on his left and Mr. Kramer to sit on his right.

At this time, the Councilmembers took their new seats. The seating order from left to right are Councilmember Fletcher, Councilmember Graves, Councilmember Turner, Mayor Winger, Vice Mayor Kramer, City Clerk, City Manager, and City Attorney.

7. Public Comment

Mr. Bill Fish, 2236 Buena Vista Boulevard, said in the recent past he received a letter from Mr. Fletcher firing him from serving on a City Commission because he wanted someone on the Commission who thought and talked like him. Mr. Fish did not want the City ran this way. He would like the Boards/Commissions put back together again with the skilled people that the City used to have. It is not the way to run a City with having political appointees. He asked Council to please put them back to the way they were.

Mr. Stewart Kennedy, Vero Beach, congratulated Mr. Winger and Ms. Graves. He said that he has heard Councilmembers state that they are in favor of selling the electric utilities to FPL. He said that this reminds him of a saying that is located on one of the buildings at the Kennedy Space Center, which states, "failure is not an option." He asked Council that in negotiating with FPL that they make sure that "failure is not an option."

Mr. Brian Heady said that he telephoned Ms. Graves to congratulate her and she did not return his telephone call. He said the most important thing that she can do for the next two years is return her telephone calls. He asked Mayor Winger before he rules anyone out of order that he should look at Mrs. Turner and Mr. Kramer. He explained that neither Mrs. Turner nor Mr. Kramer ruled anyone out of order during their term as Mayor. He asked Mayor Winger to follow their lead. He then referred to a plan that he had to get the electric completed by January 1, 2014 (on file in the City Clerk's office). He said there was not one single Councilmember who called him to tell him reasons why his plan would not work. He said this plan would work and it would get the County ratepayers out of the City's system and would give everyone FPL rates by January 1, 2014.

Ms. Linda Morgan, 3986 46th Street, said that she has known Ms. Graves for two years and worked with her on the Obama campaign. She said that Ms. Graves' work ethics were great and she applauded her. She said the sale to FPL would not affect her, but it does affect a lot of people around her.

Mr. Ken Daige, 1846 21st Avenue, asked Council to remember their duties and to make decisions the best they can. He asked that they take care of their neighborhoods.

8. Sunshine Law Briefing – Assistant City Attorney

Mrs. Peggy Lyon, Assistant City Attorney, went over her top ten Sunshine and Public Record Law questions and the answers to each question with the Council (on file in the City Clerk's office).

9. Adjournment

Today's meeting adjourned at 10:41 a.m.

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