



City of Palm Coast Minutes City Council Workshop

City Hall
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Mayor David Alfin
Vice Mayor Ed Danko
Council Member Nick Klufas
Council Member Theresa Pontieri

Tuesday, September 17, 2024

1:00 PM

City Hall - Community Wing

City Staff

Lauren Johnston, Acting City Manager

Marcus Duffy, City Attorney

Kaley Cook, City Clerk

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A CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Alfin called the meeting to order at 1:01 p.m.

B PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG AND A MOMENT OF SILENCE

C ROLL CALL

Deputy City Clerk Alison Palmer called the roll. All members were present with Council Member Pontieri appearing virtually.

D PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Public Participation shall be held in accordance with Section 286.0114 Florida Statutes. And pursuant to the City Council's Meeting Policies and Procedures:

- (1) Each speaker shall at the podium, provide their name and may speak for up to 3 minutes.

(2) The Public may provide comments to the City Council relative to matters not on the agenda at the times indicated in this Agenda. Following any comments from the public, there may be discussion by the City Council.

(3) When addressing the City Council on specific, enumerated Agenda items, speakers shall:

(a) direct all comments to the Mayor;

(b) make their comments concise and to the point;

(c) not speak more than once on the same subject;

(d) not, by speech or otherwise, delay or interrupt the proceedings or the peace of the City Council;

(e) obey the orders of the Mayor or the City Council; and

(f) not make any irrelevant, impertinent or slanderous comments while addressing the City Council; which pursuant to Council rules, shall be considered disorderly.

(4) Any person who becomes disorderly or who fails to confine his or her comments to the identified subject or business, shall be cautioned by the Mayor and thereafter must conclude his or her remarks on the subject within the remaining designated time limit.

Any speaker failing to comply, as cautioned, shall be barred from making any additional comments during the meeting and may be removed, as necessary, for the remainder of the meeting.

Members of the public may make comments during the public comment portion of the meeting. Please be advised that public comment will only be permitted during the public comment portions of the agenda at the times indicated by the Chair during the meeting.

Armando Gomez discussed an assault that he experienced while working as an Uber driver, discussed police response time and procedures, and asked why Palm Coast does not have a City police department.

Celia Pugliese discussed recent tragic accidents and traffic safety.

E APPLICANT INTERVIEWS

1 INTERVIEWS - CITY COUNCIL DISTRICT SEAT 4 VACANCY

Council interviewed the following applicants:

Robert Bogges

Darryl Boyer

Charles Gambaro

Leslie Giscombe

Vincent Lyon

Demetrios Maroosis

Ronald Nakabaale

Meredith Rodriguez

Sandra Shank

Jared Trueheart

Two applicants not in attendance were Regina Davis and John Scott McDonald.

All applicants in attendance made opening remarks and responded to Council's questions.

City Council and the City Attorney held a lengthy discussion concerning interview questions.

Following the interviews, Council discussed the process going forward and the voting process. The City Attorney agreed to research and report back to Council.

Council Member Klufas suggested a checklist of the candidates or a narrowing of the list. Council concurred to narrow the candidate list at the October 24, 2024, meeting to their top three. The City Clerk will provide ranking sheets to reduce the pool to three candidates.

F PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Remainder of Public Comments is limited to three (3) minutes each.

Celia Pugliese discussed the candidates for District 4 and the serious issues facing Palm Coast.

Mark Webb, District 4 resident, discussed the number of people watching the meeting online, the process for selecting candidates, a supermajority requirement, and asked that council develop a clear process for selecting Council Members.

George Mayo asked if servicemembers being called up would leave a vacancy on Council and asked for Closed Caption for the livestream meetings.

G DISCUSSION BY CITY COUNCIL OF MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Vice Mayor Danko agreed with public comment concerning revamping the City charter.

H DISCUSSION BY CITY ATTORNEY OF MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Mr. Duffy clarified that the charter calls for a majority vote, not a supermajority.

I DISCUSSION BY CITY MANAGER OF MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA

There were none.

J ADJOURNMENT

*Adjourned at 3:40 p.m.
Respectfully submitted by: Alison Palmer
Deputy City Clerk*