

Detailed Minutes - Final

City Commission

Lamar Fisher, Mayor
Charlotte J. Burrie, Vice Mayor
Barry Dockswell, Commissioner
Rex Hardin, Commissioner
Barry Moss, Commissioner
Edward Phillips, Commissioner

Dennis W. Beach, City Manager
Mark Berman, City Attorney
Asceleta Hammond, City Clerk

Monday, November 21, 2016

12:00 PM

Commission Chamber

Special City Commission Meeting - Induction Ceremony

CALL TO ORDER

The Honorable Lamar Fisher called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: Commissioner Barry Dockswell
Commissioner Rex Hardin
Commissioner Barry Moss
Vice Mayor Charlotte Burrie
Mayor Lamar Fisher

Absent: Commissioner Ed Phillips

INVOCATION

Pastor Nathan Austin of Mount Zion Missionary Baptist Church offered the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Commissioner Hardin, seconded by Commissioner Dockswell, that the Agenda be APPROVED. The motion carried unanimously.

A. REGULAR AGENDA**1. 17-72 P.H. 2017-10: (PUBLIC HEARING 1ST READING)**

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF POMPANO BEACH, FLORIDA, AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 2015-06 SPECIALLY SETTING THE DATE AND TIME OF FUTURE MEETINGS OF NEWLY ELECTED COMMISSIONS FOR INDUCTION INTO OFFICE, IN ACCORD WITH SECTION 4 OF CHAPTER 2004-443, LAWS OF FLORIDA, AND ARTICLE II, SECTION 16, OF THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF POMPANO BEACH; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING A REPEALING CLAUSE; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

(Fiscal Impact: N/A)

SECOND READING: NOVEMBER 8, 2016

(Staff Contact: Asceletha Hammond)

A motion was made by Commissioner Hardin, seconded by Vice Mayor Burrie, that the Ordinance be APPROVED FIRST READING. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Yes: Dockswell

Hardin

Moss

Burrie

Fisher

Absent: Phillips

Enactment No: ORD. No. 2017-07

2. **17-78** A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF POMPANO BEACH, FLORIDA, ACCEPTING THE RETURNS OF THE MUNICIPAL GENERAL ELECTION OF THE CITY OF POMPANO BEACH, FLORIDA, HELD ON NOVEMBER 8, 2016 AND DECLARING THE RESULTS OF SAID ELECTION; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (Fiscal Impact: N/A)

(Staff Contact: Asceleeta Hammond)

A motion was made by Commissioner Hardin, seconded by Vice Mayor Burrie, that the Resolution be ADOPTED. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Yes: Dockswell

Hardin

Moss

Burrie

Fisher

Absent: Phillips

Enactment No: RES. No. 2017-58

SPECIAL REMARKS BY COMR. DOCKSWELL

Mayor Fisher gave Commissioner Dockswell the floor, to be able to speak before the new commissioners were inducted.

Commissioner Dockswell began by stating that his original purpose when he became Commissioner, in 2008, was to get redevelopment unstuck and on a good path, and that he is pleased with the results that he has seen so far. He spoke on a few examples, including the beach amenities, pier and pier parking, restaurants and retail. Furthermore, he touched on what the City has done so far in regards to the improvements to Atlantic Blvd., such as the, medians, sidewalks and street lamps.

Commissioner Dockswell gave input to the new commission. He declared that it was time for them to focus on execution and the redevelopment of Atlantic Blvd. He then congratulated the newly elected commissioners, and told them to follow their vision, but also, gave a word of caution, which was to be open and rethink every issue that they have already thought about. Thereafter, he offered his advice, background, and counsel, to any of the commissioners who felt they could use it. Moreover, he went on to explain how people say being a commissioner is a thankless job, but how there are many rewards of the job that go beyond a "thank you". He then spoke on a few examples of the positive changes he has seen in his time as commissioner, and where those rewards have been felt by him. One example he gave, which he stated was his happiest moment as commissioner, was when he saw the children playing in the newly added, interactive fountain, on Pompano Beach Blvd.

Additionally, Commissioner Dockswell continued by giving thanks to the City and CRA staff, and acknowledged them for all the positive changes he's seen in their work. Next, he addressed each of the commissioners he served with, starting with Commissioner Moss, whom he told to

continue to ask the right questions, Commissioner Phillips he asked to continue to infuse the City with a spirit of inclusion, Vice Mayor Burrie, he stated, is a fighter who makes sure the quality of life for her residents is not forgotten, Commissioner Hardin he called a great leader, and Mayor Fisher, he stated, is the ideal Mayor for the City. Commissioner Dockswell thanked the people of Pompano Beach, specifically those in district one. In closing, he stated that he feels he finally has a "home town" here in Pompano Beach.

B. INDUCTION OF CITY OFFICIALS

Asceleta Hammond, City Clerk, inducted into office the following newly elected members of the City Commission:

1. Michael Sobel, City Commissioner for District 1
2. Charlotte Burrie, City Commissioner for District 2
3. Rex Hardin, City Commissioner for District 3
4. Beverly Perkins, City Commissioner for District 4
5. Barry Moss, City Commissioner for District 5
6. Lamar Fisher, Mayor-At-Large

C. ORGANIZATION OF NEW CITY COMMISSION

(1) Election of Vice Mayor

Asceleta Hammond, City Clerk, advised that the floor was opened for nominations for the Office of Vice-Mayor.

Commissioner Hardin nominated Charlotte Burrie for Vice Mayor, which was seconded by Commissioner Sobel. Since there were no other nominations, Ms. Hammond announced that Charlotte Burrie was elected as Vice Mayor by a unanimous vote. Thereafter, she turned the floor over to Mayor Lamar Fisher.

(2) Establishment of Rules of Procedure: Robert Rules of Order - Newly Revised 11th Edition

A motion was made by Commissioner Hardin, seconded by Vice Mayor Burrie, that the Robert Rules of Order - Newly Revised 11th Edition be ADOPTED. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Yes: Hardin
Moss
Perkins
Sobel
Burrie
Fisher

PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT - EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mark Berman, City Attorney made an announcement where he formally requested that an Executive Session be held at the Tuesday, December 13, 2016 City Commission meeting, in regards to counsel seeking advice concerning litigation pertaining to the City of Pompano Beach and East Pompano Beach Community Redevelopment Agency v. Michael Swerdlow, et al., Broward Circuit Court Case No.10-19437(21). The session will be private, and those in attendance will be; the City Commission Members, Pompano Beach Community Redevelopment Agency Board Members, Dennis W. Beach, the City Manager; Mark E. Berman, the City Attorney; Kim Briesemeister, Executive Director; Chris Brown, Co-Executive Director; Claudia McKenna, CRA Attorney, and William Scherer, III, outside counsel for the City.

COMMENTS

Mayor Fisher opened the floor to the newly inducted commission to say a few words, starting with newly elected Commissioner Sobel.

Commissioner Sobel began by thanking his family, which he informed all live and work within Pompano Beach, which was one reason he decided to run for commissioner. He continued on by thanking the district one voters, who came out and voted for him. "People over Politics", he stated, is not just his slogan, but a philosophy and way of life. Commissioner Sobel then spoke on how the City needs less waste and more transparency and accountability. He declared that "blue ribbon panels" will be assembled to address issues, such as, homelessness, traffic, and sober homes. He then suggested that the City get a more user friendly system for residents to view budget items and agenda items. He said that the focus needs to now be on the residents and preservation of the neighborhoods. Furthermore, he would like to see more BSO staff added to task forces to address sober home, vacation home, and homelessness issues. Additionally, he wants to end the Broward County Sewage Outfall, and create a new tax dollar spending standard. Commissioner Sobel quoted from a newsletter from November 2011, by Commissioner Dockswell, where he then stated he is ready to see more results of actual brick and mortar construction. Lastly, he called upon the residents to volunteer at Pompano public schools, because the future of Pompano Beach lies partly in the quality of the public schools.

Vice Mayor Burrie followed, and opened by saying that she is a fighter for her district, however, she is everyone's commissioner, and they are all one City. Vice Mayor Burrie declared that construction will begin on a community center during the next two years. She continued by speaking on how she loves her job as commissioner and she loves the City, where she has been a resident for 53 years. Moreover, she stated that she has watched Pompano Beach transform from a fishing and farming community, to the booming city it is now. Additionally, she spoke on how the Commission holds the reigns on developers, and it is up to them to listen to what the residents want built within their neighborhoods. In closing, Vice Mayor Burrie thanked the voters of her district. Also, she indicated that she is a volunteer at Pompano Beach public schools, and shared how the experience is a very rewarding one.

Next, Commissioner Hardin began by thanking his family and the residents of district 3. He wanted to acknowledge that in the recent past, the Commission has turned the City around, and that the Commission is there to make things happen. He closed by stating that he is looking forward to good things happening within Pompano Beach for him, his family, and families to come, and that Pompano has a great and bright future.

Commissioner Perkins expressed that she has experienced a roller coaster of emotions since

her election, and that the process was exhausting, but it is amazing and humbling that the induction day is finally here. She continued by thanking her husband, her mother, the City Commission, City staff and her Pastor. Commissioner Perkins stated that many people felt that the elections are bought and that their votes do not matter, however, this year, they did. Continuing, she quoted Maya Angelou, and said she is reminded of her quote every day. Furthermore, Commissioner Perkins spoke of her Grandmother telling her she would be a commissioner someday, and how important it is to know your history. Moreover, she never imagined being the first African American female on the Pompano Beach City Commission. She stated her time working with former Mayor, Nate Braverman, as well as, Herb Skolnick, Kay McGinn, and E. Pat Larkins, gave her a sense of service, community and a tireless work ethic. Commissioner Perkins closed by asking all those who supported her to stand up, where she then thanked them and told them that once she was elected, they were, and they will work together as one.

Commissioner Moss thanked the voters of district 5, especially Collier City, former Vice Mayor George Brummer and his wife. He then wanted to give advice to the new commissioners, as former new kid, in that they should do more listening than talking at the beginning, and then wished them the best of luck.

Mayor Fisher, before addressing the audience, recognized newly elected Clerk of Court, Brenda Forman, as well as the now retiring Clerk of Court, Howard Forman.

Mayor Fisher then began by thanking the entire City of Pompano Beach for having faith in him to be their Mayor, he thanked the pastors for their prayers, and his family for their support. Next, Mayor Fisher congratulated the new commissioners and the re-elected commissioners. Thereafter, he spoke about how his theme, since 2002, has always been T.E.A.M, which stands for "Together everyone achieves more", and how he wants this theme to continue with the new commission. Mayor Fisher closed with stating that the Commission wants to hear from the residents, and that Pompano Beach, in his opinion, is the greatest City in the United States of America.

D. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 12:59 p.m.

Lamar Fisher, Mayor

Asceleta Hammond, City Clerk