

City of Gainesville

City Hall
200 East University Avenue
Gainesville, Florida 32601



Meeting Minutes

Friday, July 29, 2005

3:00 PM

City Commission Special Meeting

City Hall Auditorium

City Commission

Mayor Pegeen Hanrahan (At Large)
Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Chuck Chestnut (District 1)
Commissioner Warren Nielsen (At Large)
Commissioner Rick Bryant (At Large)
Commissioner Ed Braddy (District 2)
Commissioner Jack Donovan (District 3)
Commissioner Craig Lowe (District 4)

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CALL TO ORDER - 3:30 PM, July 29, 2005

ROLL CALL

Present: Pegeen Hanrahan, Warren Nielsen, Chuck Chestnut, Edward Braddy, Rick Bryant, Craig Lowe and Jack Donovan

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

*Commissioner Nielsen moved and Commissioner Lowe seconded to adopt the agenda.
(VOTE: 7-0, MOTION CARRIED)*

MEMBERS OF THE CITY COMMISSION

050157 City Manager Selection Process (B)

Mercer Group Inc., Senior Vice President Dr. Freijo gave a presentation.

FIRST MOTION (RECONSIDERATION MOTION): Commissioner Lowe moved and Commissioner Nielsen seconded to reconsider the action that was taken on Monday, July 25, 2005 (regarding the City Manager Selection Process).

(VOTE: 4-2, Commissioners Bryant, Lowe, Nielsen and Mayor Hanrahan - Yes; Commissioners Donovan and Braddy, No, Commissioner Chestnut - Absent, MOTION CARRIED)

Chair Hanrahan recognized Citizens Walter Willard and Gabe Kaimowitz and who spoke to the matter.

SECOND MOTION: Commissioner Lowe moved and Commissioner Bryant seconded to: 1) Narrow the field of candidates for City Manager to 4, by each Commissioner voting for 4 candidates and the 4 candidates receiving the most votes are the 4 candidates that will go forward; and 2) that the City Commission meet Wednesday (August 3, 2005) at 4:30 PM to make a final selection.

(VOTE: 7-0, MOTION CARRIED)

Chair Hanrahan recognized Mr. J. T. Frankenberger who spoke to the matter.

THIRD MOTION: Commissioner Bryant moved and Commissioner seconded to select Russ Blackburn, Larry Deetjien, Barbara Lipscomb and Michael Wright (in no particular order) as the remaining 4 candidates for the City Manager process.

(VOTE: 7-0, MOTION CARRIED)

Chair Hanrahan recognized Walter Willard who spoke to the matter.

FOURTH MOTION: Commissioner Lowe moved and Commissioner Chestnut seconded to continue this meeting to Wednesday, August 3, 2005 at 4:30 PM.

(VOTE: 7-0, MOTION CARRIED)

RECESS: July 29, 2005, 5:20 PM

RECONVENE: August 3, 2005; 4:38 PM

NOTE: The suggested procedures were reviewed and agreed upon by the City Commission.

Mercer Group, Inc., Senior Vice President Dr. Freijo made comments.

CITIZEN COMMENT:

Chair Hanrahan recognized Citizens Gabe Kaimowitz and Walter Willard who spoke to the matter.

NOTE: The City Commission began the balloting process to identify their first choice for City Manager.

FIRST MOTION: Commissioner Braddy moved and Commissioner Nielsen seconded to direct the City Commission to identify Mr. Russ Blackburn as the top choice (for City Manager) and authorize the Mayor to act on behalf of the City Commission and begin contract discussions with him.

(VOTE: 7-0, MOTION CARRIED)

NOTE: The City Commission began the balloting process to identify their second choice for City Manager.

SECOND MOTION: Commissioner Braddy moved and Commissioner Lowe seconded to identify Ms. Barbara Lipscomb as the second choice (for City Manager), and authorize the Mayor to act on behalf of the City Commission and to enter into contract discussions with Ms. Lipscomb, in the event that a contract agreement cannot be reached with the first choice.

(VOTE: 7-0, MOTION CARRIED)

RECOMMENDATION *The City Commission make a final selection for the position of City Manager and take any other appropriate action.*

Approved, as shown above

ADJOURN - August 3, 2005 - 5:57PM

Kurt M. Lannon, Clerk of the Commission