TOWN OF LAUDERDALE-BY-THE-SEA

TOWN COMMISSION

SPECIAL ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

MINUTES

Town Commission Meeting Room

4501 Ocean Drive
Tuesday, February 19, 2008
5:00 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER, MAYOR ROSEANN MINNET

Mayor Minnet called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. Mayor Roseann Minnet, Commissioner Birute Ann Clottey, Commissioner Stuart Dodd, Commissioner Jerry McIntee, and Commissioner Jim Silverstone were present. Also present were Town Manager Esther Colon, Town Attorney Mike Cirullo, and Town Clerk June White.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

3. DISCUSSION ITEM

a. Discussion and/or action concerning Town Commission Protocols and Procedures for Conducting Town Business

Commissioner Clottey questioned the order in which items were placed on the agenda. Manager Colon advised that agenda items were placed in the order in which they were received.

Commissioner McIntee made a motion to move the Town Attorney's seating position to the far right side of the Dias. Commissioner Silverstone seconded the motion. In a roll call vote, the motion carried 4 - 1. Mayor Minnet voted no.

Commissioner Dodd made a motion to begin the "clock" immediately after the person gives their name. Commissioner McIntee seconded the motion. In a roll call vote, the motion carried 5 - 0.

Commissioner Dodd made a motion that public comments should be open to all whether they are a business owner or they reside in the Town and that they may reserve the right to speak on a particular item on the agenda later if they so choose. Commissioner Silverstone seconded the motion.

Commissioner Clottey made a Friendly Amendment to hear all the Public Comments at the same time. Commissioner Dodd agreed. Commissioner McIntee was concerned that if 60 people signed up for Public Comments that would be 180 minutes allocated for Public Comments. He felt there should be structure. Commissioner Dodd felt that Public Comments could be handled in a friendly manner so that if one person had already addressed an issue someone else would not need to repeat it. The Commission agreed.

In a roll call vote, the motion carried 5 - 0.

Commissioner Dodd made a motion to allow the Mayor to vote last but not necessarily speak last. Commissioner Silverstone seconded the motion. In a roll call vote, the motion carried 5 - 0.

Commissioner Dodd made a motion to allow the Mayor to make motions, as long as the gavel is passed to the Vice Mayor and the Mayor takes the position of Commissioner. Commissioner Silverstone seconded the motion.

Attorney Cirullo agreed that as long as the Mayor passed the gavel to either the Vice Mayor or Mayor Pro Tem, the Mayor could make a motion. He agreed with Mayor Minnet that the Town Charter took precedence over Roberts Rules of Order. In a roll call vote, the motion carried 5 - 0.

Commissioner Dodd requested votes be taken electronically rather than through roll call. Manager Colon agreed to do that. He also directed Manager Colon to obtain telephone numbers from citizens during Public Comments in order to follow up on their issues. Manager Colon advised that staff obtained the numbers already. Commissioner Dodd asked whether a motion was required for time stamping agenda items. Manager Colon said that was practice.

Commissioner Dodd asked whether this would be an appropriate time to re-establish the Boards. Vice Mayor McIntee believed Manager Colon would need direction in the form of a Motion advising their terms were expiring. Manager Colon said she would need time to obtain applications. She asked that appointments be made at the second meeting in March. Discussion followed regarding changing the way members are selected into the Board and Committee.

Commissioner Clottey wanted a motion to establish a procedure that would allow each Commissioner and the Mayor the privilege to appoint a person to a Board. She said the way it is now, the Commission voted for the applicant. Attorney Cirullo believed that may be a Charter issue. He said ultimately the Commission had to vote on the nominee as a whole. Commissioner Clottey requested Attorney Cirullo to look into that.

Commissioner McIntee made a motion to direct the Town Manager to send letters thanking current Board members for their service and advising them that their services have been finalized and the Commission was seeking new people to serve on the Boards and that the Boards would remain in tact until new members were appointed. Commissioner Dodd seconded the motion. In a roll call vote, the motion carried 5 - 0.

Commissioner Dodd made a motion to suspend Rule 5 indefinitely, giving the Commission a second bite of the apple. Commissioner Silverstone seconded the motion. In a roll call vote, the motion carried 5 - 0.

Commissioner McIntee made a motion to clearly advise public speakers that the use of personal names would not be tolerated. Mayor Minnet extended that to include the Commission. Mayor Minnet clarified that would include personal attacks. Commissioner Silverstone seconded the motion. In a roll call vote, the motion carried 5 - 0.

Vice Mayor McIntee suggested Manager Colon award the firefighter of the month, officer of the month, and employee of the month awards on a quarterly basis rather than monthly, as there was not that much activity. There were no objections.

b. Resolution 2008-04: A Resolution providing for the appointment of Vice Mayor

Commissioner Silverstone made a motion to adopt Resolution 2008-04 naming Jerry McIntee as Vice Mayor. Commissioner Dodd seconded the motion.

Commissioner McIntee wanted to pass it to Commissioner Silverstone after one year. Attorney Cirullo advised the Commission would have to go by Charter. Commissioner McIntee accepted the nomination. In a roll call vote, the motion carried 5 - 0.

c. Resolution 2008-05: A Resolution providing for the appointment of Mayor Pro Tem

Mayor Minnet cited Florida Statutes Section 6.2 stated that it was not necessary to select a Mayor Pro Tem.

Commissioner McIntee made a motion to appoint Mayor Pro Tem for purpose of discussion. Commissioner Silverstone seconded the motion. Discussion followed by Vice Mayor McIntee regarding a zero need for a Mayor Pro Tem. The Motion and the Second was withdrawn.

Commissioner Silverstone made a motion to permit the public to advise whether the Commission missed anything. Commissioner Dodd seconded the motion.

Frank Herrmann asked if he were to compliment someone would he be allowed to use that person's name.

L. Peanuts Wick felt the Commission should reconsider their motion to address disrespectful remarks.

Barbara Cole believed the motion should be directed to derogatory use.

Arthur Franczak was concerned with the possibility of infringing on free of speech.

4. ADJOURNMENT

Vice Mayor McIntee made a motion to adjourn. With no further business before the Commission, Mayor Minnet adjourned the meeting at 6:06 p.m.

Mayor Roseann Minnet

ATTEST:

Town Clerk, June White

3/11/08
Date