

Continuation of Special Town Commission Meeting of July 13, 1998 to be held on Tuesday, July 14, 1998 at the Town Hall meeting chambers at 4:30 PM.

The meeting was called to order by Vice-Mayor Aaskov. It was noted for the record that Mayor Kaleel was running late.

Roll call was answered by the following:

Commissioner Bridges
Commissioner Stamos

Commissioner O'Hare
Vice Mayor Aaskov

Continued Discussion of Town Manager applicants

Richard Black, ICMA representative, summarized a copy of a December 1997 evaluation of Mr. Lynch which was completed by his Town Commission. He stated that Mr. Lynch had received 120 out of a possible 140 points which gave him an outstanding rating. He added that he did not have the same type of information on Mr. Dunham. He concluded that he felt this type of review was the most valid measurement of his performance as his own Town Commission supplied it.

Mayor Kaleel arrived at 4:45 PM.

Comm Stamos questioned if this type of evaluation procedure was recommended. Mr. Black explained that although evaluations are always subjective, this one contains good areas for evaluation.

Mayor Kaleel questioned why, if he was as good as this evaluation suggests in December 1997, is he looking for a new job. Mr. Black advised that Mr. Lynch had explained his reason for resigning during the interview.

Comm Bridges suggested that the Town Commission vote and offer the position to Mr. Lynch adding that his reason for resigning was explained as a conflict he was having with the Mayor.

Comm Bridges moved that the Commission vote on a candidate to offer the position to, seconded by Comm Stamos.

Atty Nicoletti advised that he spoke to Bob Williams, former Town Attorney for Lady Lake, regarding Mr. Lynch who informed him that he found Mr. Lynch to be competent, a skilled negotiator and a good networker adding that he lost favor due to a jealous Commission.

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Atty Nicoletti added that he had spoken to Tom Baird, former City Attorney for Palm Beach Gardens, who informed him that Mr. Dunham was great to work with, quick to diffuse situations, a no-nonsense guy and interested in listening although he is sometimes reluctant to certain policy positions.

Comm O'Hare advised that he had spoken to the editor of the newspaper near Indiatlantic who assured him that Mr. Lynch had no involvement in the scandal involving the Town Commission. He added that he had also spoken to the Mayor and a Commissioner of Indiatlantic who had also given good references for Mr. Lynch.

Comm Stamos advised that he was extremely impressed with Mr. Lynch adding that he thought Mr. Lynch would be a great asset to the Town.

Comm Aaskov advised that she was very much in favor of Mr. Lynch.

Mayor Kaleel advised that he had also made several calls regarding Mr. Lynch and had received a slightly different viewpoint while still receiving many good comments. He advised that he felt Mr. Dunham had the better personality in regards to Ocean Ridge and that his many contacts in Palm Beach County would also be an asset.

Comm Bridges concurred with Mayor Kaleel's assessment of Mr. Dunham adding that he felt Mr. Dunham would work better with this Commission. He added that he felt the Commission should vote on a candidate now as he felt they would not get anyone better than these two individuals. Mayor Kaleel advised that whoever they vote for needs to be shown that he has the support and backing of the Town Commission.

Roll call was taken on Comm Bridges' motion.

Motion carried – yea 5.

Comm Aaskov moved to authorize the Town Attorney to enter into negotiations with Mr. Lynch for the position of Town Manager, seconded by Comm Stamos.

Motion carried – yea 5.

Town Clerk Hancsak questioned if Mr. Lynch would be offered the same benefits as the current Town Manager to which the Commission agreed that it would.

Comm O'Hare advised that Mr. Lynch might want a type of duration agreement which would compensate him for the first six months if he gets terminated in that time. The consensus of the Town Commission was not to offer this agreement to Mr. Lynch.

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The meeting was adjourned at 5:15 PM.

Mayor Kaleel

Commissioner Aaskov

Commissioner Bridges

Commissioner O'Hare

Commissioner Stamos

Attest By:

Town Clerk