

SPECIAL MEETING HELD BY THE TOWN COMMISSION FOR THE TOWN OF OCEAN RIDGE, FLORIDA, TO BE HELD IN THE TOWN HALL ON MONDAY, JULY 17, 2006, AT 8:30 A.M.

The meeting was called to order and roll call was answered by the following:

Commissioner Allison
Commissioner Bingham
Mayor Kaleel
Commissioner Hogan
Commissioner Pugh

DISCUSS TOWN MANAGER POSITION AND SHORT LIST RESUMES

Mayor Kaleel stated that this meeting was scheduled in order to short list the candidates.

After some discussion the Commission concurred with the following potential short list: Diana Murack, Kenneth Schenck, Maria Davis, David Denman, Frank Spence and Carrie Myers. Comm Allison commented that she felt the Town needed a manager with direct Town Manager experience and training. Comm Hogan stated that a Town Manager with coastal experience and fiscal skills was necessary.

Mayor Kaleel commented that the tenure for a Town Manager, especially in a small community, is usually not long term. He added that while he agreed with the short list he felt that Ken Schenck was right for the position at this time and questioned whether going through the process was necessary, considering the expense and possible relocation.

Comm Hogan stated that she was dismayed to hear that the interview process may not be necessary and felt that it was already decided to conduct interviews. She stated that it was owed to the residents to properly interview the selected applicants to do its due diligence. She added that she would like to go through the budget process with Mr. Schenck, again citing fiscal experience was necessary. Town Clerk Hancsak advised that former manager, Bill Mathis and herself, had completed the majority of the budget for this year so it would be a new process for any new Town Manager. Mayor Kaleel commented that unfortunately the budget is what it is and there is not much that can be cut.

Comm Bingham and Comm Allison agreed with Mayor Kaleel's comments. Comm Bingham stated that the Commission went through the short list process today but she felt Mr. Schenck was doing a good job and was what the Town needed at this time, citing his engineering and "new building" experience. Comm Allison commented that while she was all for the process Comm Hogan said, she felt Mr. Schenck was the most qualified for what the Town was seeking at this time. She added that there have been no red flags during these last 60 +/- days. Comm Pugh commented that at the last meeting Mr. Schenck had direct answers and was totally prepared for the meeting.

Mayor Kaleel stated that he felt the Town has done its due diligence and felt the process was not being short changed if the Town already has the right person.

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Comm Hogan moved to interview four candidates for the Town Manager position. There was no second to the motion.

Comm Bingham moved to offer the Town Manager position to Ken Schenck, contingent on an agreeable contractual arrangement. Comm Allison seconded the motion. Comm Hogan commented that she had no problem with Mr. Schenck and would support the vote but she was disappointed that interviews would not take place.

Motion carried – Yea (5).

APPOINT MEMBER TO THE AUDIT SELECTION COMMITTEE

Town Clerk Hancsak advised that the Town was currently advertising an RFP for Auditing Services for FY 2005/06. She stated that in 1998 an Audit Selection Committee was formed which consisted of the Town Manager, Town Clerk and One Commissioner (Digby Bridges). She stated that it would be necessary to appoint someone to the committee to review the proposals and meet at a public meeting to discuss a recommendation that would be presented to the Commission, hopefully for August 14, 2006.

After a brief discussion, Comm Allison moved to appoint Comm Bingham and Comm Hogan to the Audit Selection Committee, seconded by Comm Pugh.

Motion carried – Yea (5).

Town Clerk Hancsak asked Mr. Schenck to join the meeting at which time he was congratulated by the Commission on being selected as the new Town Manager pending contract negotiations.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:15 A.M.

ATTEST:

Town Clerk

Mayor Kaleel

Comm Allison

Comm Hogan

Comm Bingham

Pugh