

VILLAGE OF PALMETTO BAY
Minutes of the Special Council Meeting of March 19, 2014
Village Hall Chambers
9705 East Hibiscus Street

1. CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Shelley Stanczyk
Vice Mayor John DuBois
Council Member Patrick Fiore
Council Member Tim Schaffer
Council Member Joan Lindsay

Staff present:
Village Manager Ron E. Williams
Village Clerk Meighan J. Alexander

Mayor Stanczyk called the meeting to order at 6:35 pm. She led the pledge of allegiance.

- 2. DECORUM STATEMENT:** Clerk Alexander read the following decorum statement: Any person making impertinent or slanderous remarks or who becomes boisterous while addressing the Village of Palmetto Bay Council shall be barred from further audience at this meeting before the Village of Palmetto Bay Council by the presiding officer, unless permission to continue or again address the council be granted by the majority vote of the council members.

- 3. PUBLIC COMMENTS:** Mr. Gary Pastorella, 6940 SW 142 Terrace, addressed the Council.

4. RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND VILLAGE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF PALMETTO BAY, FLORIDA, RELATING TO THE VILLAGE ATTORNEY; AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A MEMORANDUM REGARDING APPOINTMENT OF DEXTER LEHTINEN AS VILLAGE ATTORNEY AND THE RETENTION OF THE LAW FIRM OF LEHTINEN, SCHULTZ, RIEDI, CATALANO, & DE LA FUENTE, PLLP, FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING LEGAL SERVICES TO THE VILLAGE OF PALMETTO BAY, FLORIDA; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Vice Mayor DuBois moved this item forward. Seconded by Councilman Schaffer.

Manager Williams provided staff report. He noted that Attorney Claudio Riedi, representing the firm of Lehtinen, Schultz, Riedi, Catalano & de la Fuente, is present to answer any questions. Manager Williams provided highlights of the contract, including

the termination clause, cost, fee structure, and scope of services. He asserted that he and Attorney Lehtinen are in agreement.

Attorney Riedi introduced himself and explained that Attorney Dexter Lehtinen was unavailable as he is currently teaching a constitutional law class. He advised that the firm is not representing Palm Beach County.

Manager Williams advised that the firm is also not representing any neighboring communities.

Councilwoman Lindsay welcomed Attorney Riedi, adding that the Village is looking forward to working with the firm.

Vice Mayor DuBois thanked the Manager for negotiating a sound contract. He expressed his appreciation for the two-tier billing structure in the contract. He asked for clarification of the language that stated there would be no charge for brief telephone calls from the manager, council, and staff.

Manager Williams replied that there is not a specific definition; rather, it will be up to the professional discretion of the firm. He explained that if there is a concern regarding a particular phone call charge, it can be discussed by the Council.

Vice Mayor DuBois stated that he was appreciative that the additional percentage charge was no longer in the contract.

Attorney Riedi explained that the firm will seek reimbursement for actual expense, such as the cost of legal research that is direct billed (no profit margin.)

Mayor Stanczyk thanked the Manager for negotiating the lower price, as she requested. She expressed her hope that this relationship will provide continuity.

Vice Mayor DuBois asked the effective date. Manager Williams advised that it was immediate upon execution of the Resolution.

Vice Mayor DuBois asked if Attorney John Herin will be working on continuing items. Manager Williams stated that Attorney Herin will no longer be working for the Village; however, Attorney Herin and Attorney Lehtinen will be transferring files and having discussions.

Vice Mayor DuBois moved to approve the Resolution. Seconded by Councilwoman Lindsay. All voted in favor following roll call vote (5-0.)

5. NEXT MEETING AND ADJOURNMENT

The Meeting adjourned at 6:50 pm.

Prepared and submitted by:



Meghan J. Alexander, CMC
Village Clerk

Approved by the Village Council on this 7th day of April, 2014.



Shelley Stanczyk, Mayor

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