



City of Hallandale Beach
City Commission
400 S. Federal Highway
Hallandale Beach, FL 33009

Mayor Keith S. London
Vice Mayor Michele Lazarow
Commissioner Rich Dally
Commissioner Anabelle Taub

City Manager Roger M. Carlton
City Attorney Jennifer Merino
City Clerk Mario Bataille, CMC

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, February 13, 2018

6:00 PM

Commission Chambers

Special Meeting

1. CALL TO ORDER

Acting Mayor London called the meeting to order at 6:04 PM.

2. ROLL CALL

Present: 3 - Acting Mayor London, Commissioner Lazarow and Commissioner Taub

City Manager Roger Carlton and City Attorney Jennifer Merino were also present.

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

4. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION (Speakers must sign-in with the City Clerk prior to the start of the meeting)

Bill Julian, Hallandale Beach, FL, stated he has provided copies of a letter from the Office of State Attorney which clears him of any wrong doings and allegations. Also Mr. Julian made it known during his time as part of the City Commission he voted in opposition of two Resolutions approving 2000 S. Ocean Drive development project when it was considered by the City Commission during his tenure.

5. CITY BUSINESS

A. FILLING TEMPORARY VACANCY OF THE MAYORAL SEAT. (STAFF CITY ATTORNEY)

City Clerk Bataille introduced the Item.

City Attorney Merino advised the Commission on the provisions of the City Charter related to filling vacancies of the City Commission and answered questions posed by the City Commission.

Answering a question posed by Acting Mayor London, City Clerk Bataille confirmed the estimated cost for the March 13, 2018 Election is \$48,000 as the cost for this election will be shared by four municipalities. It was estimated to cost the City more than \$90,000 if the City was to hold a standalone election.

Answering a question posed by Commissioner Taub, City Clerk Bataille advised the Commission on the qualifications to hold office as a City Commissioner.

Answering a question posed by Commissioner Taub, City resident Chuck Kulin graciously declined the opportunity to serve as Mayor.

Answering a question posed by Acting Mayor London, City Attorney Merino confirmed the qualifications to be appointed as Mayor and/or Commissioner.

Answering a question posed by Commissioner Taub, City resident Rob Raymond graciously declined the opportunity to serve as Mayor.

Answering a question posed by Acting Mayor London, City Attorney Merino advised the Commission on the nomination process and made it known a motion to nominate does not require a second.

Acting Mayor London opened the floor for public comments.

Chuck Kulin, Hallandale Beach, FL, spoke in support of the new direction of the City under a new Mayor and supported the appointment of a new Mayor.

Robert Selz, Hallandale Beach, FL, recommended Acting Mayor London be appointed by the Commission to serve as Mayor.

Etty Sims, Hallandale Beach, FL, recommended Acting Mayor London be appointed by the City Commission to serve as Mayor and commended Acting Mayor London on how he has chaired the recent meetings of the City Commission.

Seeing no further comments from the public, Acting Mayor London closed the floor.

Acting Mayor London opened the floor for nominations by the Commission for the Mayoral Seat.

Commissioner Lazarow nominated Acting Mayor London to fill the temporary vacancy of the Mayoral Seat.

Seeing no further nominations from the Commission, Acting Mayor London closed the floor.

Answering a question posed by Commissioner Lazarow, City Attorney Merino advised the Commission would then nominate and approve the nomination to fill the vacancy of Acting Mayor London, Seat #2, should the nomination to the Mayoral Seat be approved.

Acting Mayor London called for the vote on the nomination.

A motion was made by Commissioner Lazarow to nominate Acting Mayor London to fill the temporary vacancy of the Mayoral Seat. The nomination was approved by the following vote:

Ayes: 2 - Acting Mayor London and Commissioner Lazarow

Nayes: 1 - Commissioner Taub

Mayor London opened the nomination for the appointment of Vice Mayor.

Mayor London nominated Commissioner Lazarow to serve as Vice Mayor.

There being no further nominations, Mayor London closed the nominations.

Mayor London called for a vote.

A motion was made by Mayor London to nominate Commissioner Lazarow as Vice Mayor. The nomination was approved by the following vote:

Ayes: 2 - Mayor London and Commissioner Lazarow

Nayes: 1 - Commissioner Taub

Mayor London opened the nomination to fill the vacancy of Seat #2.

Mayor London nominated Chuck Kulin to fill the vacancy of Seat #2.

Commissioner Taub nominated Rob Raymond to fill the vacancy of Seat #2.

Vice Mayor Lazarow nominated Rich Dally to fill the vacancy of Seat #2.

There being no further nominations, Mayor London closed the nominations.

Answering a question posed by Commissioner Taub, City Resident Rich Dally provided background information on himself.

Vice Mayor Lazarow indicated why she nominated Rich Dally and believed he would serve the City well. Lastly, Vice Mayor Lazarow felt it was important for the City to bring in new blood to serve on the Commission.

Commissioner Taub recommended the Commission defer the appointment of Seat #2 in order to gain interest from other residents who may want to serve as a City Commissioner.

Motion by Commissioner Taub to defer the appointment to fill the vacancy of Seat #2 failed due to a lack of second.

Answering a question posed by Commissioner Taub, City Attorney Merino advised it would be up to the Mayor as the presiding officer as to how to proceed with the vote on the nominations.

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Lazarow to appoint Rich Dally to fill the vacancy of Seat #2. The motion was approved by the following vote:

Ayes: 2 - Mayor London and Vice Mayor Lazarow

Nayes: 1 - Commissioner Taub

Mayor London invited Commissioner Dally to take his seat with the City Commission.

Commissioner Dally thanked the Commission for their approval on his nomination to fill the vacancy of Seat #2.

Mayor London made it known Commissioner Dally plans to run for Seat #2 during the General Election to be held on November 6, 2018. Lastly, Mayor London indicated he was undecided to run for Seat #2 or the unexpired term of the Mayoral Seat.

Answering a question posed by Mayor London, City Attorney Merino advised the Commission on procedures for the Regular Election of Seat #1, Seat #2 and the Special Election of the unexpired term of the Mayor Seat during the November 6, 2018 Election.

Answering a question posed by Commissioner Taub, City Manager Carlton indicated he did have conversations with Mayor London, Vice Lazarow, and City Attorney Merino concerning this evening's process for appointments..

Answering a question posed by Commissioner Taub, City Manager Carlton indicated he did not have any conversations with Vice Mayor Lazarow on the appointment of the Mayoral Seat prior to the meeting.

Answering a question posed by Commissioner Taub, City Manager Carlton indicated he did not have any conversations with Mayor London on the appointment of Commissioner Lazarow as Vice Mayor.

Answering a question posed by Mayor London, City Clerk Bataille advised nominated Commissioner Dally can be officially sworn in by the Clerk tomorrow, and an organizational meeting of the Commission will be called for February 20, 2018 to swear in Commissioner Dally before the public as well.

Answering a question posed by Commissioner Taub, City Attorney Merino advised she does not disclose individual conversations with Commission members on the dais. Nonetheless, she did have a conversation concerning the qualifications of Commissioner Dally prior to the meeting.

Answering a question posed by Commissioner Taub, Commissioner Dally indicated he has had a previous relation with Dr. Robert Selz.

Answering a question posed by Commissioner Taub, City Attorney Merino advised the process to fill the vacancy of both the Mayoral Seat and Seat # 2 were handled appropriately.

Commissioner Dally further advised he has had a relationship with lobbyist Evan Ross.

Commissioner Taub requested a public records request for any and all communications between Vice Mayor Lazarow and City Manager concerning this evening's meeting.

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Mayor London opened the floor for public comments.

Joseph Valbourn, Hallandale Beach, FL, spoke in support of the appointment of Mayor Keith S. London.

Cynthia Cabrera, Hallandale Beach, FL, spoke on her positive experience with Mayor London during his time as City Commissioner as he was the only Commissioner to listen to her concerns in the past. She continued to speak in support of maintaining stability and civility at the dais.

There being no further comments from the public, Mayor London closed the floor.

Mayor London made closing remarks and recommended the residents of the City to exercise their right to vote during the March 13, 2018 Special Election and/or qualify for the November 6, 2018 General Election.

Commissioner Taub indicated she knew Mr. Dally months ago through Evan Ross. Commissioner Taub continued to share concerns with taking the nominations in alphabetical order and the presence of Bay Harbor Island Commissioner Kelly Reid who has a relationship with Mayor London and Vice Mayor Lazarow. Commissioner Taub indicated she felt the nominations this evening were pre-planned and hoped members of the Broward Office of Inspector General were paying attention to the proceedings this evening as she believes there were sunshine violations prior to tonight.

6. ADJOURN

There being no further business before the Commission, the meeting adjourned without objection at 6:58 PM.