

**Summary Minutes of the
ISLAMORADA, VILLAGE OF ISLANDS
HYBRID SPECIAL CALL VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETING**

Founders Park Community Center
87000 Overseas Highway
Islamorada, FL 33036
Wednesday, May 19, 2021
5:30 PM

Hybrid Village Council Meeting

The Special Call Village Council Meeting was open to in-person attendance and also utilized the Zoom video conferencing application for public participation.

CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

Mayor Pinder called the meeting to order at 5:31 p.m. Village Clerk Kelly Toth called the roll with the following Councilmembers being present on roll call: Mayor Buddy Pinder, Vice Mayor Pete Bacheler, Councilman Mark Gregg, Councilman David Webb and Councilman Henry Rosenthal. Village Clerk Kelly Toth and Deputy Clerk Stephanie Conde were also present. Village Attorney Roget Bryan and Acting Village Manager Maria Bassett, along with other pertinent staff appeared virtually.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Van Cadenhead led the Pledge of Allegiance. Mayor Buddy Pinder provided the prayer.

PRESENTATION

Mayor Pinder invited Colin Baenziger, with Colin Baenziger & Associates, to begin his presentation.

Presentation by Colin Baenziger Regarding Candidate Selection Process & Steps Moving Forward

Mr. Baenziger, appearing via Zoom, suggested the Council identify their top five candidates. He explained that he would then conduct a straw poll which was a quick way to get to a conclusion. He noted that there were usually three or four candidates that everyone was interested in interviewing. Mr. Baenziger screenshared a straw poll form in which he recorded each Council persons top five candidates. The twelve Village Manager candidates recommended by Colin Baenziger & Associates for Council's consideration were: Andrea N. Agha, David W. Baird, Jeffrey "Jeff" L. Durbin, Eugene "Gene" Dvornick, Julian L. Jackson, Joseph M. Kerby, Scott M. Lambers, Guillermo Olmedillo, Gregory J. Oravec, David C. Ritz, Terry K. Suggs, and Paul M. Van Haute.

DISCUSSION

Discussion and Selection of Semi-Finalists for Interviews

Councilman Mark Gregg stated his top five candidates followed by Councilman Webb, Councilman Rosenthal, Vice Mayor Bacheler and Mayor Pinder. Mr. Baenziger recorded their choices as reflected below.

Candidate	Pinder	Bacheler	Gregg	Rosenthal	Webb	Total
Andrea N. Agha	X	X	X		X	4
David W. Baird	X	X		X	X	4
Jeffrey "Jeff" L. Durbin					X	1
Eugene "Gene" Dvornick						0
Julian L. Jackson	X			X		2
Joseph M. Kerby						0
Scott M. Lambers		X				1
Guillermo Olmedillo		X	X	X		3
Gregory J. Oravec	X		X	X	X	4
David C. Ritz		X	X			2
Terry K. Suggs	X		X	X	X	4
Paul M. Van Haute						0

Mr. Baenziger identified the top five candidates receiving the most votes from Council which were: Andrea N. Agha, David W. Baird, Guillermo Olmedillo, Gregory J. Oravec and Terry Suggs. He suggested that these were the candidates that the Council would interview and asked if the Council wanted to choose an alternate candidate. Councilman Gregg stated he would like to speak with David Ritz, Mayor Pinder chose Jeff Durbin and Vice Mayor Bacheler chose Julian Jackson. Councilman Webb stated the Council could "cross the bridge" with alternates when they got there. Council expressed agreement. Mr. Baenziger confirmed that the Council had selected five candidates and no alternate.

Suggested Interview Schedule

At 5:46 p.m. Mr. Baenziger reviewed the proposed interview schedule noting that a tour of the Village was scheduled for 1:00 PM on Tuesday, June 1 and a candidate reception at 6:00 p.m. or later at the Ron Levy Aquatics Center at Founders Park. He explained that the one-on-one candidate interviews would take place on Wednesday, June 2. He explained that during the Special Call meeting, each of the finalists would have the opportunity to present to the Village Council; after each candidate had addressed the Council, the Council would make its selection, or postpone their decision to allow time to decide, followed by discussing the next step. Councilman Gregg spoke in support of making the decision at the Special Call meeting rather than postponing it. Councilman Rosenthal stated he would like to see some public input and expressed support for the candidate reception. Councilman Gregg noted public comment could be taken at any of the Council meetings.

Mr. Baenziger noted that lunch on June 1 was scheduled for 12:30 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. Mayor Pinder, with Council support, requested an hour for lunch, 12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Decision Regarding Village Staff Providing Tours of the Village and Holding a Meet-and-Greet Reception

Village Clerk Kelly Toth confirmed that the Council wanted staff to provide tours of the Village and asked if the Council wanted to provide beverages only at the meet-and-greet due to the current COVID-19 situation, or did they want to also provide food. Mayor Pinder commented that appetizers should also be provided.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mayor Pinder opened public comment.

Van Cadenhead spoke in favor of using Freebee for the tour; suggested a Councilperson be part of the tour; noted the stormwater and 2023 BPAS issues and suggested selecting a Village Manager that could help with these issues.

Cheryl Meads commented about the 2016 Village Manager selection, noting Julian Jackson was one of the top two candidates; and suggested Mr. Jackson be selected as an alternate.

Jill Miranda Baker, appearing via Zoom, asked if the Council was going to select an alternate.

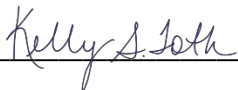
Mayor Pinder closed public comment.

Councilman Webb stated the Council was not going to pick an alternate unless it was necessary. Village Clerk Kelly Toth noted that a Special Call meeting would have to be held in order for an alternate to be selected. Village Attorney Roget Bryan stated there was no need for an alternate to be selected at the current meeting and confirmed that a public meeting would have to be held if the Council chose to select an alternate.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Buddy Pinder made a motion to adjourn. Councilman David Webb seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 6:04 p.m.

Approved by Council June 9, 2021.



Kelly S. Toth, CMC
Village Clerk