



MINUTES
ISLAMORADA, VILLAGE OF ISLANDS
HYBRID SPECIAL CALL VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETING

Founders Park Community Center
87000 Overseas Highway
Islamorada, FL 33036
Friday, May 6, 2022
1:30 PM

CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

Mayor Pete Bacheler called the meeting to order at 1:34 p.m. Deputy Clerk Stephanie Conde called the roll with the following Councilmembers being present on roll call: Mayor Pete Bacheler, Vice Mayor Henry Rosenthal, Councilman Mark Gregg, Councilman Buddy Pinder, and Councilman David Webb.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE & INVOCATION

PROCEDURE FOR VILLAGE MANAGER SELECTION

Colin Baenziger summarized the process to select the next manager, noting that each candidate would be interviewed for approximately 20 minutes. Council would then do a straw poll noting their preferred candidates until a candidate has been selected as the Village Manager. Mayor Pete Bacheler requested a back up candidate be selected as a contingency.

CANDIDATE INTERVIEWS

Interviews were conducted with Ted Blackburn, Joseph Kerby, Lee Staab, and Thomas Yates.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mayor Pete Bacheler opened public comment.

Speakers included Van Cadenhead, Cheryl Meads, Dwight Hill, Angel Borden, John Kocol, and John Fernandez.

Mayor Pete Bacheler closed public comment.

DISCUSSION AND SELECTION OF VILLAGE MANAGER

Straw Preference Poll Round One

First choice – Four votes for Thomas Yates, one vote for Ted Blackburn

Second choice – Four votes for Lee Staab, one vote for Thomas Yates

Moved by Mayor Pete Bacheler to appoint Thomas Yates as Village Manager, seconded by David Webb. Motion passes 5-0.

Moved by Councilman Pinder for Lee Staab as the second choice, seconded by Councilman Mark Gregg. Motion passes 5-0.

Councilman David Webb suggested increasing the housing allotment for the Village Manager, noting the exorbitant housing costs in the village. Councilman Buddy Pinder suggested placing a modular on a Village owned lot.

Vice Mayor Henry Rosenthal was appointed to negotiate a contract with Mr. Yates on the Village's behalf.

ADJOURNMENT – 3:29 p.m.

Moved by Mayor Pete Bacheler, seconded by Councilman Mark Gregg to adjourn the meeting.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Marne McGrath", is shown above a horizontal line.

Marne McGrath, Village Clerk

Video: <https://view.earthchannel.com/PlayerController.aspx?PGD=ismrada&eID=472>