

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CITY COMMISSION MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY,
NOVEMBER 20, 2018, AT 6:30 P.M. AT THE INTRACOASTAL PARK CLUBHOUSE,
2240 N. FEDERAL HIGHWAY, BOYNTON BEACH, FLORIDA**

PRESENT:

Steven B. Grant, Mayor
Christina Romelus, Vice Mayor
Justin Katz, Commissioner (arrived 7:06pm)
Mack McCray, Commissioner

Lori LaVerriere, City Manager
Shana Bridgeman, City Attorney
Judith A. Pyle, City Clerk

1. OPENINGS

A. Call to Order

Vice Mayor Romelus called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Invocation

Commissioner McCray gave the invocation.

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag led by Vice Mayor Romelus.

Roll Call

City Clerk Pyle called the roll. A quorum was present.

Agenda Approval:

1. Additions, Deletions, Corrections

Mayor Grant requested items 2.B and 2.C be moved to New Business Items B and C.

Commissioner McCray added three items under Announcements: Library Food Drive, the partnership between the Fair Housing of Palm Beach County and would like staff to speak about the meeting at Carolyn Sims Center for December 3, 2018.

Mayor Grant indicated he would like to add an Announcement for the Garden Club.

2. Adoption

Motion

Vice Mayor Romelus moved to approve the agenda as amended. Commissioner McCray seconded the motion.

Vote

The motion unanimously passed.

2. OTHER

A. Informational Items by Members of the City Commission

Commissioner McCray met with Chief Gregory and representatives of Village Royale on the Green. Advised they had an excellent meeting and developed a partnership. Pointed out this group does a lot for this City and needs to be recognized. Attended the Veteran's Day celebration. Mayor Grant thanked Commissioner McCray for his attendance at the Veteran's Day Celebration.

Vice Mayor Romelus pointed out some historic events in Palm Beach County. Mack Bernard has been elected as Mayor of Palm Beach County as well as Vice Mayor Dave Cerner.

Mayor Grant attended the Palm Beach County Transportation Planning Agency (TPA) training meeting on October 18th. October 19th Mayor Grant's dog Daisy passed away. October 22nd met with Don Kolodz, Senior Vice President of Discover the Palm Beaches. October 24th attended the Florida Redevelopment Association (FRA) conference in Fort Myers. October 25th Mayor Grant was the key note panelist addressing housing in Boynton Beach. October 27-28th attended Pirate Fest. Mayor Grant won the Bill Tome Golf tournament for civilians. October 29th met with representatives of Memorial Healthcare system opening a hospital in Wellington, also known as the Joe DiMaggio Children's Center. Met with Connect to Greatness. Thanked Texas Roadhouse for hosting the Tip a Cop event. They donated a portion of their proceeds to the City of Boynton Beach Police Department. Attended the South Central Regional Wastewater and Treatment and Disposal Board (SCRWTDB) meeting. October 30th attended Discover the Palm Beaches annual event and toured the new Venture X in Palm Beach. October 31st attended the Community Green tour in Delray. Mayor Grant requested the Community Green item be placed on Future Agenda. Discussed the Green Business program with Rebecca Harvey, Sustainability Coordinator and Colin Groff, Assistant City Manager.

Attended the City of Boynton Beach Special Commission meeting. November 6th attended the National League of Cities meeting in Los Angeles. Toured the port in Los Angeles. Reviewed their new Blue job incubator. Explained the City has repurposed a 60,000 square building which allowed a public/private partnership. Met with Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti at the Mayor's mansion. Attended some great classes. Evaluated a great redlining display. November 13th attended End Homeless breakfast at the Lord's Place. Attended the Healthier Boynton Beach 2nd Annual Care Giver's event. Commended Richard Petty for a wonderful job he was doing providing resources to those affected with homelessness. November 15th attended the South Tech summit. Announced it was amazing to see what was happening at the school. Stated South Tech was moving to

Odyssey in unincorporated Boynton Beach in 2020. Met with an Opportunity Zone Fund Manager. He thanked David Scott, Director of Economic Development for Boynton Beach regarding the districts being incorporated into the Opportunity Zones. Requested a special meeting for business and residential owners to address new investment vehicles available. Attended the demolition of the old City Hall building. Thanked Colin Groff and Eleanor Krusell for hosting a wonderful demolition party. Attended the Jurist of the Year ceremony for the Palm Beach County Trial Justice Association. The recipient of the award was Justice Barbara Pariente. Justice Pariente was no longer able to serve because of her age. Noted this rule on age limit has been rescinded. Attended the 1st annual career day for Boynton Beach High School. Encouraged seniors to attend the Commission meetings. Inquired what can be done to open internships for the local high school students. November 17th attended the Caridad Center event in unincorporated Boynton Beach. Attended Steve Abrams farewell party and congratulated him on his new job as the South Florida Regional Transit Association Executive Director. November 20th attended Pure-age hosted by the HATT Foundation, and handed out over 2000 turkeys for Thanksgiving. Attended a meeting with a young student from Oxbridge Academy which had empirical evidence of the damages and dangers of septic systems. Because of trace elements of ibuprofen in the waters the student was able to determine the increased level of nitrogen was coming from the septic system. Mayor Grant indicated he hoped the new representative would create new legislation to force homeowners to move away from septic systems.

Vice Mayor Romules suggested the Mayor meet with David Scott and bring forward a presentation on options for local businesses. Mayor Grant agreed.

Commissioner Katz had no disclosures.

- B. Make an appointment to fill the vacancy existing in Commission District 4.
(Item heard under New Business)
- C. Swear in the newly appointed Commissioner.
(Item heard under New Business)

3. ANNOUNCEMENTS, COMMUNITY & SPECIAL EVENTS & PRESENTATIONS

- A. Presentation by Joe Russo founder of "The 1909".

Joe Russo, Executive Director of the Palm Beach Tech Association, stated the community initiative "1909" was named because Palm Beach County was founded in 1909. Their group identified four gaps responsible for business failure: affordable workspace, consistent mentorship, business education, access to capital. 1909 goal was to bridge those gaps and work with local governments and other non-profits. Working together they can create a foundation for businesses to succeed.

Mr. Russo explained the four stages of the program from focusing, directing, competition to the final goal to having their own business. Explained the accelerator program which help and engages entrepreneurs to bring their ideals into focus and reality through education, mentorship and micro financing. Noted the Kauffman foundation named South Florida as number one in startup business activity. Explained 1909 provided monthly membership which was based on the co-working program. Provided the different types of memberships such as the Office membership for those star-up and for small companies that need a dedicated private office. Mr. Russo stated he was hopeful to serve Boynton Beach.

Vice Mayor Romelus requested information for residents wishing to receive additional information. Mr. Russo responded the resident are able to visit the website.

Commissioner McCray inquired if the City signed up with 1909. Mr. Russo responded no.

Commissioner McCray requested the City logo be taken off of the presentation, until such time the City of Boynton Beach becomes a client. Please stop using the Boynton Beach logo.

Mr. Russo stated this was done as a presentation. He will make sure the City logo was taken off of future presentations.

B. Presented the Park Rangers to the Commission

Wally Mayors, Director of Parks and Recreation stated the Park Rangers have been hired. Explained the City needed to bring on a few more Park Rangers.

Wayne Carrels, Park and Recreation Crew Leader explained the residents around the parking lots are appreciative of a clean area. The residents around the gated parking lot no longer need to call law enforcement to have unattended cars removed.

Jesse Gonzalez, Park Ranger said they have received good comments and feedback since the Park Rangers came onboard about a month ago.

Percy Ealy, Park Ranger explained they are patrolling the parks and keeping the City safe.

Commissioner McCray stated he was happy to finally have the Park Rangers in the City. Asked if there had been any problems requesting patrons to leave the park?

Mr. Garcia stated he has not encountered any problems. Everyone has been very respectful when requested to leave.

Vice Mayor Romelus welcomed the Park Rangers.

- C. Proclaim November 24, 2018 as Small Business Saturday.

Mayor Grant proclaimed November 24, 2018 as Small Business Saturday.

Rick Maharajh, representing the Boynton Beach Chamber of Commerce, was the Chairman for the Ambassadors program. Their membership was about 450 business members strong. Thanked the Commission for this great recognition and it was greatly appreciated.

- D. Announce Public Works Solid Waste Division will be having its annual Tire Amnesty Week for City residents beginning December 3rd, 2018 and ending December 7th, 2018.

Davidson Monestime, Solid Waste Manager, wanted to take the opportunity to introduce Jonele Luma.

Jonele Luma, Administrative Associate, announced Tire Amnesty Week, December 3-7th, 2018. Explained the Public Works Department will collect up to 8 tires with or without rims on the resident's individual bulk pickup day.

Commissioner McCray suggested the Solid Waste Department partner with Community Standards regarding Tire Amnesty week.

Vice Mayor Romelus agreed with Commissioner McCray's suggestion. There was time for collaboration between the two divisions. Mr. Monestime responded he would coordinate with Community Standards.

Mr. Monestime advised the City Solid Waste Department collected approximately 400 tires which equaled 4.4 tons last year.

- E. City Hall will be closed for the Thanksgiving holiday on Thursday, November 22 and Friday, November 23, 2018.

Mayor Grant announced City Hall would be closed November 22-23, 2018 in celebration of Thanksgiving.

Vice Mayor Romelus wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

Commissioner McCray wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving on behalf of the staff and the great citizens of Boynton Beach.

- F. Announce that Palm Beach County Property Appraisers office will be manning a table at the Senior Center to provide Boynton Beach residents with information on how to file for Homestead Exemption from 1:30pm - 2:30pm on the following dates:

Tuesday, December 11, 2018

Mayor Grant announce Palm Beach County Property Appraiser will be manning a table at the Senior Center to provide the residents of Boynton Beach with information regarding filing for a Homestead Exemption. Mayor Grant noted on Tuesday, December 11, 2018 was the last time this year for this program.

G. Announcement by Eleanor Krusell of a workshop for open spaces.

Eleanor Krusell, Public Communications & Marketing Director, announced the City would be having another Public Input meeting for open spaces and playgrounds. This meeting was being held at the Carolyn Sims Center on December 5, 2018 from 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm. Encouraged all families to come and provide their input. Children are welcomed.

H. Proclaim December 1, 2018 as World AIDs Day. Winsy Marcellus will be present to accept the proclamation.

Mayor Grant proclaimed December 1, 2018 as World AIDs Day.

I. Announcement by Eleanor Krusell, Public Communications & Marketing Director, regarding the 48th Annual Holiday Parade and Light up the Park.

Eleanor Krusell, Public Communications & Marketing Director announced the 48th Annual Holiday Parade taking place on Federal Highway. Indicated the City has over 50 entries which was a record breaking year. This year they would have Light up the Park at Dewy Park at 6 :00 pm. The City will be announcing the selected Grand Marshall.

J. Library Food Drive

Craig Clark, Library Director noted the Library was holding its annual Food for Fines. Explained each nonperishable can donated would reduce the fine by one dollar per can of non-perishable. These funds support the Community Caring Center of Boynton Beach.

K. Press Release for the Partnership with Fair Housing.

Assistant City Attorney Bridgeman, explained arose from the Housing Urban Development (HUD) complaint which was filed against the City. As part of the settlement between the City and the complainants, Fair Housing and Dr. Love Predelus, the City came up with a partnership with Fair Housing. She explained it was uncovered as part of negotiating the settlement there was an apparent lack of communication between the City and the Community. The complainant's position was they were not aware and did not receive enough information from the City about their opportunity to seek reasonable accommodations. The City has an ordinance in place which spells out the opportunity for reasonable accommodations. The City was tasked with ensuring the residents are

educated in a more progressive and a more proactive basis to make sure the community was aware of the reasonable accommodation ordinance.

Mayor Grant asked if there was a monetary settlement. Assistant City Attorney Bridgeman responded in the affirmative. The original amount requested was \$250,000, the City settled for \$20,000.

Commissioner McCray inquired as to who was responsible to make sure the community was aware of the reasonable accommodation. Asked if this fell within the purview of the City Manager's office. He requested updates. Pointed out he does not want this to happen again. Assistant City Attorney Bridgeman responded this would include all City staff.

Commissioner McCray requested an update when staff training was completed.

Ms. LaVerriere responded there were some very specific timelines and actions within the agreement which the City made with HUD. The Commission will receive regular updates.

L. Workshop at the Carolyn Sims Center

Commissioner McCray requested Chief Gregory come forward and explain the Workshop at Sara Sims Center. He asked Chief Gregory if the City could utilize the neighborhood police officers to distribute flyers to the stores and churches in District II.

Police Chief Gregory announced the Police Department was having a community engagement meeting at the Carolyn Sims Center at 6:00 pm at on December 3, 2018. Invited everyone to come out and listen to some presentations about the operations and status of the Police Department. Chief Gregory noted flyers and pamphlets were distributed to the local churches and stores, as suggested at the last Commission meeting. The department will have zone officers as well as neighborhood officers that work in that area.

Commissioner McCray understood the Commissioners were not allowed to speak at the meeting because of the Sunshine law. Requested a feedback survey.

M. Boynton Beach Gardens Club Plant Sharing program

Mayor Grant announced on December 28, 2018, the Boynton Beach Gardens Club would use the \$500 from the community support funds given last year to provide a plant sharing program. Anyone willing to drive by 103 N.W. 6th Avenue to see the Boynton Hills neighborhood new park, would receive a free plant. The hours of the plant sharing was from 3:00-6:00 pm.

4. PUBLIC AUDIENCE

INDIVIDUAL SPEAKERS WILL BE LIMITED TO 3 MINUTE PRESENTATIONS (at the discretion of the Chair, this 3-minute allowance may need to be adjusted depending on the level of business coming before the City Commission)

Susan Oyer, 140 SE 27 Way, wanted to bring up the absences on the Arts Committee and Planning and Development Board. Suggested having a tardy policy.

Commissioner McCray stated the City Clerk has always provided an updated to the Commission when board members were absent.

Vice Mayor Romelus asked if there was an ordinance regarding attendance and being removed from the board.

Mayor Grant requested the City Clerk update the Commission on the attendance policy.

Ellen Santulli, a former resident and homeowner, spoke about the wrongful death of her son on November 1, 2018. Because of lack of response with the Boynton Beach Police Department her son died. There have been numerous conversations with various members of the Police Department including Chief Gregory. Ms. Santulli had officers laugh at her. Called to speak with the City Manager and she did not return her call. The Commission needed to be aware of what was going on in the Boynton Beach Police Department. Said 17 years ago the Police department fractured her family and now her son was deceased. This was a direct result of being too lazy to do their job.

Commissioner McCray pointed out the incident happened November 1, 2018. The officers may not have been at liberty to disclose information.

Mayor Grant suggested Ms. Santulli speak with an attorney.

Jerry Taylor, 1086 SW 26 Avenue, informed the Commission, former Commissioner Shirley Jaskiewicz passed away. Please remember her in your prayers.

Carl Sloan, 39 Hampshire Lane, has been President of the Club and presently he is the Chair of the Governmental Relation Committee. The members attend the Commission meeting to stay abreast of what was happening in regards to the neighborhood. Mr. Sloan informed the Commission the Club has improved its facility and wanted to provide a tour to the City Manager and Commission in the New Year.

Barbara Bernadine 9873 Lawrence Road Boynton Beach, thanked all the employees which makes this City livable. This includes all the men and women who work behind the scene as well as those in uniform. Stated the Mayor mentioned an initiative for internships within the City. She was in support of this initiative.

Kevin Homer, 2505 Lake Drive North, spoke about Boynton Cares last clean-up on November 4, 2018, brought in some new faces. One of the volunteers stated the pollution not only affect the animals and the environment, but effects human being as well. Pointed out that plastic was only about 100 years old. Stated they do not know the effects of plastics to humans as yet. Pollution will affect not only today's generation but the next generation as well. He thanked the Palm Beach Post for the article which included national recording artists Edwin McCain and William Taylor, CEO of Logger Head Marina written letters praising the City of Boynton Beach and Boynton Cares efforts to protect the environment. Mr. Homer had the opportunity to speak at Morikami Park Elementary in Delray Beach. It turned into an open discussion. Special thank you to the last group of volunteers. He was excited when Commissioner McCray indicated the Park Rangers were long overdue.

Herb Suss, 1711 Wood Fern Drive, former Marine veteran, was upset and ashamed of the President. Our leader failed to go to the cemetery about the WWI veterans. This was shameful. He was supposed to be for the military. Most veterans are very bitter. Indicated there was a fascist leader. The President was using Hitler's playbook. The President was a racist. The house Republicans are complacent. They are President Trump's party. McConnell was a slimy person. The next election coming up. The President wants to run and cancel the elections.

Vice Mayor Romelus requested Mayor Grant put a stop to the rude and inappropriate behavior when anyone was speaking at the podium.

Dr. Piotr Blass, 113 Tara Lakes Drive W, offered condolences to Mayor Grant on the passing of Daisy. Pointed out he was a write in candidate for Governor. The recent election was handled very badly. He does not appreciate the insults regarding Hitler's playbook, as he was a holocaust survivor. The City of Boynton Beach has a good Mayor and Commission. Explained some of his ideas.

5. ADMINISTRATIVE

A. Appoint eligible members of the community to serve in vacant positions on City advisory boards. The following Regular (Reg) and Alternate (Alt) Student (Stu) and Nonvoting Stu (N/V Stu) openings exist:

Building Board of Adjustments & Appeals: 1 Reg and 2 Alts
Education and Youth Advisory Board: 2 STU
Community Redevelopment Advisory Bd: 1 Reg
Recreation & Parks Bd: 1 Reg

Mayor Grant announced all vacancies have been merged into the annual reappointments scheduled for the December 4, 2018 Commission meeting.

Mayor Grant inquired of the City Clerk if everyone would need to reapply. Commissioner McCray asked Clerk Pyle to clarify who needs to reapply. Clerk Pyle responded everyone whose term was expiring would need to apply.

6. CONSENT AGENDA

Matters in this section of the Agenda are proposed and recommended by the City Manager for "Consent Agenda" approval of the action indicated in each item, with all of the accompanying material to become a part of the Public Record and subject to staff comments

- A. **PROPOSED RESOLUTION NO. R18-166** - Assess the cost of nuisance abatement on properties within the City of Boynton Beach..
- B. **PROPOSED RESOLUTION NO. R18-167** - Amend the FY 2018-2019 budget, which will adjust budgeted appropriations and revenue sources and provide spending authority for the Capital Improvement Fund (302) to provide appropriation for repairs and painting of the 1913 Schoolhouse Children's Museum & Learning Center for \$58,000.
- C. **PROPOSED RESOLUTION NO. R18-168** - Amend the FY 2018-2019 budget, which will adjust budgeted appropriations and revenue sources and provide spending authority for the Capital Improvement Fund (302) as it relates to a ILA with the CRA that was previously approved.
- D. **PROPOSED RESOLUTION NO. R18-169** - Authorize the Mayor to accept the Department of Justice FY 2018 Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) (2018-DJ-BX-0424) and to sign any required documents associated with the grant, subject to the approval of the City Attorney.
- E. **PROPOSED RESOLUTION NO. R18-170** - Approve and authorize the Mayor to sign a land use agreement between the City of Boynton Beach and Journey Church for the 48th Annual Holiday Parade and Light Up the Park to be held Saturday, December 1, 2018.
- F. **PROPOSED RESOLUTION NO. R18-171** - Authorize the City Manager to accept, and sign all grant documents, including the Grant Agreement for FDOT grant in amount of \$25,000, subject to the approval of the City Attorney.
- G. Authorize the payment of \$29,500 to PBC Law Enforcement Exchange of West Palm Beach, FL, for the cost of SmartForce software as a sole source vendor. The first year cost is to be paid from the Federal Forfeiture Trust Fund account.
- H. Approve extending the time period of the bid for "Custodial Services for City Municipal Buildings and Facilities," Bid No. X078-2511-13/JMA, with Image Janitorial Services, Inc. of West Palm Beach, FL, effective December 2, 2018 for a period not to exceed six months.

- I. Approve the one-year extension for RFPs/Bids and/ or piggy-backs for the procurement of services and/or commodities as described in the written report for November 20, 2018 - "Request for Extensions and/or Piggybacks."
- J. Accept the written report to the Commission for purchases over \$10,000 for the month of October 2018.
- K. Legal expenses – October 2018- information at the request of the City Commission. No Action required.
- L. Approve the minutes from City Commission meetings held on November 7, 2018.

Mayor Grant wanted to correct the minutes of November 7, 2018 which states he was the person who requested a full board for the ordinance. Explained it was actually Commissioner Casello. Mayor Grant stated he requested a special meeting.

Commissioner McCray thanked Mayor Grant for the clarification.

Motion

Vice Mayor Romelus moved to approve. Commissioner McCray seconded the motion.

Vote

The motion unanimously passed

Motion

Commissioner McCray moved to approve the Consent Agenda as amended. Vice Mayor Romelus seconded the motion.

Vote

The motion unanimously passed

7. BIDS AND PURCHASES OVER \$100,000

- A. Approve Task Order No. E-02-2019 - Design / Build Restroom at Sara Sims Park to Hatcher Construction & Development, Inc., in the amount of \$127,000 in accordance with the Pre-Qualified Vendors for Minor Construction Services Agreements.

Motion

Commissioner McCray moved to approve with discussion. Vice Mayor Romelus seconded the motion.

Commissioner McCray inquired if the restroom would face Martin Luther King Boulevard (MLK). **Gary Dunmyer**, City Engineer explained the restroom would not face Martin Luther King Boulevard.

Vote

The motion unanimously passed

B. PROPOSED RESOLUTION NO. R18-172 - Approve utilizing the City of Lake Worth, Florida, Bid No. 17-109 for 93% Sulfuric Acid - Purchase and Delivery with Shrieve Chemical Company with the same terms, conditions, specifications and pricing and authorize the City Manager to sign a Contract with Schrieve Chemical Company. The anticipated annual expenditure for the purchase of sulfuric acid is \$100,000.

Motion

Vice Mayor Romelus moved to approve. Commissioner McCray seconded the motion with discussion.

Commissioner McCray inquired about the amount paid last fiscal year. Ms. LaVerriere responded last fiscal year the City paid \$87,230

Vote

The motion unanimously passed

C. PROPOSED RESOLUTION NO. R18-173 - Approve utilizing the City of Miami's Contract IFB No. 516388 to furnish, install and repair emergency equipment on all City vehicle's on an "AS NEEDED BASIS" from Dana Safety Supply, Inc. of Doral, FL for an estimated annual amount of \$400,000. Authorize the City Manager to sign a piggy-back agreement with Dana Safety Supply, Inc.

Motion

Vice Mayor Romelus moved to approve. Commissioner McCray seconded the motion with discussion.

Commissioner McCray wanted to clarify why he requested amounts from previous years. He wanted to ensure the amount being requested would be sufficient for the upcoming year.

Vote

The motion unanimously passed.

8. PUBLIC HEARING - None

7 P.M. OR AS SOON THEREAFTER AS THE AGENDA PERMITS

The City Commission will conduct these public hearings in its dual capacity as Local Planning Agency and City Commission.

9. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT – None

10. UNFINISHED BUSINESS - None

11. NEW BUSINESS

- A.** Approve the request of Commissioner Romelus to distribute \$500 of her Community Support Funds to Growing Strong Ministries, Inc. for their Thanksgiving food drive.

Motion

Commissioner McCray moved to approve with discussion. Commissioner Katz seconded the motion.

Commissioner McCray inquired if this was for this fiscal year and how many turkeys were given out. Vice Mayor Romelus responded over 160 families were given rice, beans as well as a turkey. This was a very successful event. Commissioner McCray commended this was what it was all about, taking care of the less fortunate in Boynton Beach.

Vote

The motion unanimously passed.

The following items moved from 2-B and 2-C.

- B.** Make an appointment to fill the vacancy existing in Commission District 4.

Mayor Grant inquired as to how many applications were received. Clerk Pyle responded 6 applications were received.

Mayor Grant asked if it was ok with the Commission to allow each applicant to give a three-minute presentation. Questions at the end of the presentation.

Vice Mayor Romelus disclosed she met with Aimee Kelley.

There was a consensus for three-minute presentations for each applicant.

Charles Kanter lived in the City since 2004. Mr. Kanter relocated from the Key's where he was instrumental in building several parks as well as creating the City of Marathon. He was the Director of Training for the Hundred Cities program through the Department of Labor. There has been no real progress in District IV, but has the highest growth rate in the City. There has been exponential growth with six story apartment buildings, the best restaurants in town. Pointed out his main agenda was the 60-acre park. Mentioned if he was not selected, the Commission should select Rick Maharajh. He would only want this position for the 13 months of Commissioner Casello's remaining term. He hoped to be able to mentor someone for the position.

Mayor Grant clarified the position was only till March 2019. There will be an election at that time.

Aimee Kelley has been a resident since 2005. Her family are active members and participate and support the many activities happening in Boynton Beach. She was excited to see all the changes which are coming into the City. She has 19 years of experience working in the legal system. Her experience would give her the ability to represent the entirety of the District. She thanked the City for the opportunity to represent the City in its future endeavors.

Commissioner McCray asked for clarification regarding the election for District 4, was it for March 2019 or March 2020. Clerk Pyle responded the election is scheduled for March 12, 2019.

Commissioner Katz said the person appointed now would only serve until the next election cycle, which was for four months. In March 2019 someone will be elected to fill the remainder of Joe Casello term which was for one year. Then one year later there will be an actual election for the next 3-year term.

Rick Maharajh indicated it was truly an honor and a privilege to place his name in the hat with the other candidates. He has lived, worked and played in Boynton Beach for more than 20 years. He has a business based in the City. Mr. Maharajh sits on the Community Redevelopment Agency Advisory Board (CRAAB) working with City budgets. Chairman of the Ambassadors for the Boynton Beach Chamber of Commerce, which manages about 450 businesses throughout the City. He was an engineer and a businessman. He has clients in the business community as well as governmental sectors. He will bring the business as well as the technical aspect to the table.

Emir Tyrone Penserga was seeking this opportunity to serve and represent the families in District IV. He believes this opportunity is the best way to harness all of his skills and past experiences to serve his community and to make their neighborhood safer. He would support those in the frontlines to make their businesses thrive and to encourage the growth of new businesses and to help protect the environment and overall to ensure that Boynton Beach was a place which they not only want to live, but also a place to work and play. Explained he intends to bring a progressive educator, scientist perspective to the City government to continue and propel forward the great work which has already been done. He shares the vision that Boynton Beach, which was ripe for transformation, to be the next cultural and technology hub of South Florida. Lived in the City of Boynton Beach for the past 20 years. Earned his undergraduate degree at Temple University in Philadelphia. He returned to Boynton Beach to be near his friends, family and to pursue his career. His first job as a teacher was working with underprivileged children. Earned his Master degree at Florida Atlantic University (FAU) and currently working on his PhD in neuroscience also at FAU. At each chapter of his life he has sought to serve others in the capacity he thought would best serve the community, whether it be in student government, fighting for those emergency services that needed to be improved, campaigning to ensure that judges protect homeless, Lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) youths are elected. The City needs to attract young people and young families to transform Boynton Beach into a vibrant City where we preserve the beauty and peace of the residential communities, but also create an exciting night life with more cafés, culture, and music. Pointed out with this wave comes new businesses and more investments, which means more high paying jobs. If appointed into the City Commission this was what can be expected from him. He would work tirelessly to improve the quality of life for the people of the City of Boynton Beach. He would work with each Commissioner to look for common ground to win where they can all win. He wants to build bridges where they are broken and ensure the growth in this City was inclusive of all communities. He will act decisively but methodically and will assess the merits of any argument based on facts and data and not an ideology.

Wayne Segal believed his experience and background could make a significant contribution to the City of Boynton Beach. Served as interim District 4 Commissioner between December 2012 and April of 2013. Among his accomplishments was bringing forth an ordinance to change the percentage necessary to win a Commission seat. He was the Director of Public Affairs for the City for 11 years and established the department along industry standards. Another accomplishment from that time was to make Boynton Beach the first City in South Florida to use social media. He worked in Tallahassee as the Assistant Public Affairs Director for Florida Department of Labor. He has held similar positions with the City of West Palm Beach as well as other cities. Currently he serves on the board of his homeowner's association. Mr. Segal has first-hand knowledge of citizens' concerns. He was a member of the City's Brand Promise committee and taught conversational English to indigenous people in Guatemala. Holds a Master degree from Kent State University and Bachelor's degree from the University of Maine. He was also a national Incident Management certified in communications and every year since he retired he has volunteered to be in the Emergency Operation Center (EOC). Mr. Segal explained

his vision for a better Boynton was to implement strategies which support business objectives, influence thinking, forge alliance and build consensus which would improve the quality of life for all citizens.

Muriel Waldman offered a unique background for District IV. She was a Police Officer for 16 years. The last 15 years she worked with the Boynton Beach Police Department as the Victim's Advocate. She holds a degree in social science. Holds a Master's degree in Criminal Justice from Nova. She comes without any preconceived notions of what the City should be. Understands that the City grows every day and she has the ability to listen. Ms. Waldman indicated she can bring these skills to the Commission. She wants to continue to be a public servant. A Commissioner should be someone which listens to the citizens. Pointed out District IV is self-contained unit of single family dwellings. The City was growing, and she would like to meld the growth.

Mayor Grant asked if anyone had any questions.

Mayor Grant asked if she plans on running for the District IV Commission seat in March. Ms. Waldman responded she was thinking about running.

Commissioner Katz indicated it was his personal belief with the election coming up in March 2019, that he would not be in favor of appointing someone for this brief period that intends to run in March. He believed this would give the person an unfair advantage. He intends to restrict his vote to those individuals which do not plan to run in the March 2019 election. Believes the Commission appointing and potentially anointing the next person for that seat for this appointment was not something he was in favor of doing.

Ms. Waldman replied if there was a caveat to signing a pledge for not running she would need to think about it.

Commissioner Katz hoped that anyone appointed tonight stating they do not intend to run would be a person of integrity. This was not a formal qualification. He was not in favor of appointing anyone who plans to run for office. Again he stated this was not a formal requirement.

Mayor Grant informed the Commission he was on the other end of the spectrum. Anyone who was trying to get appointed would need to face transparency. They would be elected officials. It seems they are bypassing the system. He believes the people in District IV would not consider their appointment as an anointment.

Commissioner McCray echoed what was being said by the Mayor. Inquired if Ms. Waldman has any knowledge of the City budget. Asked if she was in favor of Town Square project. Asked if she was in agreement with the Heart of Boynton? And lastly how many commission meetings had she attended?

Ms. Waldman indicated she was not up to speed on the budget. She has not attended any Commission meetings in the past two years. She needed to be aware of the concerns in District IV. She was not running for Mayor. She was trying to move the City forward.

Commissioner McCray pointed out although she may be in District IV her vote would represent the entire City. Ms. Waldman must recognize she would vote on items which affect the entire City.

Vice Mayor Romelus thanked Ms. Waldman for her 15 years of services as a Victim Advocate as well as the 16 years as a Police Officer.

Commissioner Katz asked if appointed would Mr. Segal publicly state whether he intended to run at the March 2019 election.

Wayne Segal responded he did not intend to run in the March 2019 election. He was also in agreement with Commissioner Katz regarding not selecting anyone who intended to run in the March 2019 election. He believes if the person selected intended to run the person would focus on campaigning instead of the work for the City.

Commissioner McCray requested a response of the questions previously asked of Ms. Waldman.

Mr. Segal stated he was with Wilford Hawkins when he came up with the idea of the Heart of Boynton. He was supportive of it then; he was supportive of it now. The development of the Heart of Boynton will benefit the entire City.

Commissioner McCray asked how many meetings had Mr. Segal attended this year. Mr. Segal stated not as many as he should.

Vice Mayor Romelus thanked Mr. Segal for his previous service.

Mayor Grant called the next applicant. Requested Mr. Penserga pronounce his name.

Mr. Penserga responded he goes by the name Tyrone. Pointed out as a person who works in science one of the very first things you will learn was do not try to fake it, people can see right through it. He advised he fully intended to run for the vacant District IV seat in March 2019. Stated he was not aware of the budget. In response to the grand vision for Boynton Beach, it should be a place to live, work and play. He had not attended any in-person meetings. He watches on You tube.

Commissioner McCray asked what was his take on the Heart of Boynton.

Mr. Penserga noted he would need to have additional details before he could make a decision.

Commissioner McCray pointed out Mr. Pensega indicated he was up to date on the City Budget. The budget was published online. Told him to begin watching the budget. This was not on the job training.

Mr. Pensega wanted to say he was impressed with the grant for improving the technology for the Police Department. Indicated the City needs to be a SMART City and not a City of the past.

Mayor Grant asked if Mr. Maharajh intended to run in the March 2019 election. Mr. Maharajh replied he has a deep interest and desire to serve the City of Boynton Beach. He has not made a 100% decision as of yet. Mayor Grant asked if Mr. Maharajh was familiar with the City budget. Mr. Maharajh responded he was. As the City was aware the budget meeting is open to the public as well as the budget workshops where residents can provide input. He was a current CRAAB member and they worked on pieces of the budget and provided recommendations to the City staff. Mayor Grant asked how many Commission meetings he attended. Mr. Maharajh answered he had attended countless meetings, memorials, functions both internally and external.

Mayor Grant questioned what would Mr. Maharajh do for the Heart of Boynton Beach. Mr. Maharajh said the intention was to create a beautiful downtown destination. The City wants to attract Millennials, build environmental sustainable buildings. He expressed the City needs to have reasonable and responsible development. Continue to make Boynton Beach a great place to live and work. Commissioner McCray thanked Mr. Maharajh for listening and attending the City Commission meetings as well as serving on the CRA Advisory Board.

Mayor Grant asked if Ms. Kelley planned on running for the vacant position March 2019. Ms. Kelley answered she does not plan on running in the March 2019 election. Mayor Grant asked if Ms. Kelley was familiar with the City budget. Ms. Kelley responded she was familiar with the City budget. Mayor Grant asked how many Commission meetings has he attended. Ms. Kelley answered because of family schedules, she was unable to attend in person, but she has watched the City Commission meeting on YouTube and the Boynton Beach T.V. Indicated her schedule has changed and she can be a more active participant. Mayor Grant asked if selected what does she see moving forward for the Heart of Boynton Beach. Ms. Kelley responded to support the community engagement and continue to grow the neighborhood police outreach.

Commissioner McCray asked if Ms. Kelley had any ties to the employees of the City of Boynton Beach. Ms. Kelley answered in the affirmative.

Mayor Grant called the next applicant. Mr. Kanter stated he was under the impression the interim position was for 13 months. He would like to withdraw his application. He has a lot of experience to provide to the Commission.

Commissioner McCray acknowledged he was under the impression the position was for 13 months. There was an election coming up in March 2019, there are three seats which are coming up. He was looking for someone with experience, who can take this City where it needs to go, whether it was 4 days or 4 months. They should be able to hit the ground running.

Commissioner Katz would only support candidates who do not intend to run. This was not to disparage those who intend to run. The last election he was unopposed. The fact that there were four qualified candidates was awesome. Pointed out only two applicants stated they did not intend to run. Those applicants were Wayne Segal and Aimee Kelley. He thanked and respected Mr. Segal for his previous service as an interim City Commissioner. His personal preference was to select Aimee Kelley who has deep ties to the community.

Vice Mayor Romelus agreed with Commissioner Katz to give someone an opportunity to set on the dais for four months and not give a candidate an unfair advantage. She appreciates the interest and the candor. She was grateful and glad there was interest in the City. The City has candidates from the young 30 year olds, business owners and retirees willing to give their time and freedom. She thanked everyone who had shown interest in the District IV position. She wants to ensure a level playing field for the upcoming election in March 2019. She wanted to second the motion for Aimee Kelley.

Mayor Grant thanked all of the applicants. Noted each candidate brought something different. Expressed while in politics anyone can say anything about you and it was no longer slander. He encourages all those which intend to run to continue to pursue this goal. Pointed out because of the 50% requirement he was elected Mayor. Mayor Grant expressed Boynton Beach will be better off no matter who was selected. Thanked all those applicants who applied.

Commissioner Katz motioned to appoint Aimee Kelley to fill the vacant Commission seat for District IV until the March 2019 election.

Commissioner McCray stated he would not be the one to say he does not want someone who wants to run. He believed that it would be an honor to get a chance to become a Commissioner three months. He does not want to penalize anyone which wanted to run. It was a fair game. If the people want you they will vote for you.

Mayor Grant requested a vote.

Motion

Commissioner Katz motion to appoint Aimee Kelley to the Commission IV seat. Seconded by Vice Mayor Romelus.

Vote

3-1 (*Commissioner McCray dissenting*)

Commissioner McCray asked about the exempt status of Ms. Kelley.

Assistant City Attorney Bridgeman responded the exemption does not change because a person was an elected official.

Ms. Kelley thanked the Commission and indicated she was eager to learn more about the City.

- C. Administer the Oath of Office to newly appointed Commissioner for District IV, if selected.

City Clerk Pyle administered the Oath of Office to Aimee Kelley for Commissioner of District IV.

12. Legal

- A. **PROPOSED ORDINANCE NO. 18-032 - FIRST READING** - Approval of Ordinance amending Chapter 4, Animals and Fowl, by adding a new section 4-39 adopting new regulations regarding the retail sale of dogs and cats.
- B. **PROPOSED ORDINANCE NO. 18-033 - FIRST READING** - Amending Part II. "Code of Ordinances," Chapter 15, "Offences-Miscellaneous," Article I, "In General," Sections 15-8.1 Through 15-8.8; Creating Section 15-8.9 Entitled "Measurement of Noise".

13. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- A. Annual Evaluation of City Manager by the City Commission – **December 4, 2018**
- B. Discussion of Quantum Park Overlay Dependent District – **December 4, 2018**
- C. Commission wants to discuss public safety as it relates to the Town Square Redevelopment - **TBD**
- D. Staff to bring information concerning the following land parcels for the Commission to review - **TBD**

Nichols Property
Rolling Green
Girl Scout Park

- E. The City Commission has cancelled the Commission Meeting that would normally be held on Tuesday, January 1, 2019.
- F. Mayor Grant requested discussion on the future of the Kapok trees scheduled to be taken down for Town Square project - **TBD**
- G. Discuss a prohibition for appointed and Elected Officials in the City of Boynton Beach from serving as paid lobbyist subsequent to their time on their board or the Commission – **TBD**

14. Adjournment

Motion

There being no further business to discuss, Vice Mayor Romelus moved to adjourn. Commissioner McCray seconded the motion.

Vote

The motion unanimously passed. The meeting was adjourned 8:34 pm.

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Vice Mayor - Christina Romelus

Commissioner – Justin Katz

Commissioner – Mack McCray

Commissioner – Aimee Kelley

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