

**City of DeBary**  
**SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

**Friday**

**September 11, 2009**

**4:00 PM**

City Council Chambers

16 Colomba Road

DeBary, Florida 32713

**MINUTES**

**I. Call to Order**

Mayor Garcia called the meeting to order at 4:01 p.m.

**II. Roll Call**

**Members Present:** Mayor Bob Garcia, Vice Mayor Norman Erickson, Council Member Van Conoley, Council Member Jack Lenzen, and Council Member Leonard Marks

**Others Present:** City Clerk Stacy Tebo, Finance Administrator Jimmie Seelbinder, and Assistant City Attorney Dan Langley

**III. Public Participation For Any Issues Not On the Agenda** - Citizen comments are limited to three minutes per speaker.

Mark Meister, 146 Pine Tree Drive, read a memo he had given to the city clerk concerning a public records request.

**IV. Approval of Minutes**

None.

**V. Additions, Deletions, or Amendments to the Agenda**

Council Member Conoley requested the addition of a discussion regarding bears.

Council Member Marks said he would like to add a discussion concerning the search for a new city manager.

Mayor Garcia said they could include both discussions under Council Member Communications.

**VI. Presentations**

None.

**VII. Consent Agenda**

*Agenda items marked with \* are considered routine matters or have been previously discussed by the City Council. All items are considered by one motion unless removed from the Consent Agenda by a member of the City Council.*

None.

**VIII. Public Hearings**

*Members of the Council should disclose for the record the substance of any ex-parte communication that has occurred before or during the public hearings for the following item:*

None.

**IX. Growth Management and Development Review**

None.

**X. Old Business**

None.

**XI. New Business**

1. Draft Employment Agreement with Kassandra Blissett to Serve as Interim City Manager.

Ms. Blissett made opening remarks and stated that she had met with Mr. Gonzalez for several hours and had also met with each Council member. She said she was happy to be selected as DeBary's Interim City Manager.

Mayor Garcia made several comments concerning Ms. Blissett and noted that she has been highly recommended.

Vice Mayor Erickson made a motion to approve the employment contract with Ms. Blissett and appoint her to the position of Interim City Manager effective 5:00 p.m., September 18, 2009. Council Member Marks seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Council Member Marks said he called three of Ms. Blissett's references and received many good comments.

Council Member Lenzen said he had previously met Ms. Blissett and praised her people skills.

**XII. Council Member/Committee/Staff Reports**

1. Member Reports/Communications
  - A. Mayor and Council Members

Council Member Conoley read a letter he had received from Debbie Walters, 23 Rosedown Boulevard, concerning bear problems in the neighborhood. He also read a letter that he had written to the Florida Fish and Wildlife Commission in 2005. He stated that he has had several communications with the Commission; but that they had done nothing to resolve the problem; and that at the next council meeting he would ask Ms. Blissett to write a letter to the Wildlife Commission.

Council Member Marks requested that an item be placed on the next City Council agenda concerning the search for a new city manager.

Council Member Marks said he had the opportunity to review the background report on Mr. Weaver and found no problems.

Mayor Garcia said that a 911 Memorial Ceremony was held at City Hall earlier in the day and thanked everyone that participated.

Mayor Garcia discussed the possible FEMA reimbursement from the latest storm that occurred in May 2009.

Mr. Seelbinder advised the Council that the auditors would not be able to present the final audit until later in the month due to questions concerning FEMA.

Stormwater engineer David Hamstra stated that he had a recent meeting with FEMA to explain why it takes so long to pump the lakes in DeBary; that FEMA is comparing DeBary with the east side of the county, where they do not have land locked lakes, and they are able to pump into canals that flow into the Indian River; that he has asked FEMA to allow DeBary thirty to sixty days to pump the lakes; and that he has provided additional data to FEMA, so they can make a determination regarding reimbursement for the May storm event.

B. City Attorney

There was nothing to report.

C. City Manager

There was nothing to report.

### **XIII. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 4:57 p.m.

**APPROVED April 7, 2010  
CITY OF DeBARY  
CITY COUNCIL**

**Bob Garcia, Mayor**

**ATTEST:**

**Stacy Tebo, City Clerk**