

MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF FORT PIERCE, FLORIDA, HELD IN THE CITY HALL, 3RD FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM, 100 NORTH U.S. #1, FORT PIERCE, FLORIDA AT 4:00 P.M. ON THURSDAY, JANUARY 28, 2010.

Mayor Benton called the meeting to order.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Upon Roll Call, those present were: Mayor Robert J. Benton; Commissioners Rufus Alexander, Edward Becht, and Reginald Sessions; City Manager David Recor; City Attorney Robert Schwerer; and City Clerk Cassandra Steele. Those absent: Commissioner Thomas Perona.

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City Clerk Steele said this is a Special Closed Meeting (Attorney-Client Session) pursuant to F.S. 286.011(8) at the request of the City Attorney to discuss Settlement negotiations or strategy session related to litigation expenditures in connection with State of Florida Public Employees Relations Commission (Teamsters Local Union 769 v. City of Fort Pierce. The session commences at an open meeting. The Mayor shall announce the commencement and estimated length of the attorney/client session.

Mayor Benton said about one hour.

City Clerk Steele said the names of the persons attending are: Mayor Robert J. Benton; Commissioners Rufus Alexander, Edward Becht, and Reginald Sessions; City Attorney Robert Schwerer; Assistant City Attorney Jim Walker; City Manager David Recor; and Attorney Dave Richeson. The subject matter of the meeting shall be confined to settlement negotiations or strategy sessions related to litigation expenditures. The session will be recorded by a certified court reporter. At the conclusion of the session, the meeting shall be reopened and the Mayor will announce the termination of the session. (Note: The court reporter will prepare the transcript of the meeting and file it with the City Clerk within a reasonable time; and it shall remain sealed until the conclusion of the litigation, at which time the transcript will be made part of the public record.)

Mayor Benton said the session is starting at 4:05 p.m.

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IN ACCORDANCE WITH FLORIDA STATUTE 286.011(8), THE TRANSCRIPT SHALL BE MADE PART OF THE PUBLIC RECORD UPON CONCLUSION OF THE LITIGATION.

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Mayor Benton said they will bring this meeting to conclusion at 4:38 p.m.

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There being no further business, Mayor Benton declared the meeting adjourned at 4:38 p.m.

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Adjournment.

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK

MAYOR COMMISSIONER