

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 1:00 P.M. ON THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2008.

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 and Christine Coke; City Manager Dennis Beach; City Attorney Robert Schwerer; and City Clerk Cassandra Steele. Those absent: Commissioners Edward Becht and Reginald Sessions. (Commissioner Becht arrived at 1:10 p.m. Commissioner Sessions arrived at 1:20 p.m.)

Mayor Benton said this meeting is starting at 1:04. It should take less than an hour. Persons attending are City Attorney Rob Schwerer, Dave Richeson (Labor Attorney), and Assistant City Manager David Recor.

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 for advice concerning settlement negotiations or strategy session related to litigation expenditures in connection with pending litigation West and Alberts vs. City of Fort Pierce regarding overtime issues at the Sunrise Theatre. The subject matter of the meeting shall be confined to settlement negotiations or strategy sessions related to litigation expenditures. The entire session shall be recorded by a certified court reporter. All discussions and proceedings, the names of all persons present at any time, and the names of all persons speaking shall be recorded. No portion of the session shall be off the record. At the conclusion of the attorney-client session, the meeting shall be reopened and the Mayor shall announce the termination of the session. 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. She will turn off the recorder, leave the room, and when they are ready to call it back into session, call her back in.

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

Mayor Benton said this is the conclusion of the special session. Now they go back into their regular meeting.

There being no further business, Mayor Benton declared the meeting adjourned at 2:10 p.m.

Adjournment.

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK

MAYOR COMMISSIONER