

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 3:30 P.M. ON THURSDAY, APRIL 9, 2009.

Mayor Benton called the meeting to order at 3:40 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

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 Federal Court lawsuits (U.S. Justice/Kirby vs. City and Duncan/Burlinson/Hasranah v. City). Those in attendance include Mayor Benton, Commissioners Alexander, Becht, and Coke, City Manager David Recor, City Attorney Robert Schwerer, and Co-Counsel Doug Noah. The Mayor should announce the estimated length of the attorney-client session.

Mayor Benton said approximately one hour.

City Clerk Steele said she is going to turn off the recorder and leave. The Court Report will be taking notes and those will be kept on file and sealed until the litigation is over.

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

City Attorney Schwerer said they need to reopen the meeting and announce termination of the session.

Mayor Benton said he is reopening the meeting and terminating the session.

There being no further business, Mayor Benton declared the meeting adjourned at 4:40 p.m.

Adjournment.

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK

MAYOR COMMISSIONER