

MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF FORT PIERCE, FLORIDA, HELD IN COMPLIANCE WITH SECTION 67 OF THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF FORT PIERCE, FLORIDA, IN THE CITY HALL, 3RD FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM, 100 NORTH U.S. #1, FORT PIERCE, FLORIDA, AT 12:00 NOON ON WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2007.

Mayor Benton called the meeting to order.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Upon Roll Call, those present were: Mayor Robert Benton; Commissioners Rufus Alexander, Edward Becht, Christine Coke, and R. Duke Nelson; City Manager Dennis Beach; City Attorney Robert Schwerer; and City Clerk Cassandra Steele. Those absent: None.

The purpose of this Special Meeting was to Canvass the Returns of the **Municipal Run-Off Election** held on December 11, 2007.

City Clerk Steele read the following Certificate:

CERTIFICATE OF THE BOARD OF CITY CANVASSERS
FOR THE FORT PIERCE CITY RUN-OFF ELECTION
HELD ON DECEMBER 11, 2007

STATE OF FLORIDA)
ST. LUCIE COUNTY)

WE, THE UNDERSIGNED, Cassandra Steele, City Clerk; Gertrude Walker, Supervisor of Elections; and Robert Benton, Mayor-Commissioner, constituting the Board of City Canvassers of Elections in and for the City of Fort Pierce, do hereby certify that we met in the City Hall, 3rd Floor Conference Room, 100 North U.S. #1, Fort Pierce, Florida, on the 12th day of December 2007 in accordance with Section 67 of the City Charter, and as shown by the returns on file in the office of the City Clerk and the Supervisor of Elections, we do hereby certify solely, exclusively, and entirely from said returns that:

For the election of Mayor Commissioner At Large, the whole number of votes cast was 4,816, of which number:

Bob Benton	received	2,613
Rick Reed	received	2,203

Total Cards Cast: 4,816
(28.18% of Total Registered Voters: 17,089)

BOARD OF CITY CANVASSERS
CITY OF FORT PIERCE, FLORIDA

Cassandra Steele
City Clerk

Gertrude Walker
Elections Supervisor

Robert J. Benton
Mayor

(CITY SEAL)

Motion was made by Commissioner Coke, seconded by Commissioner Alexander, that the results of the December 11, 2007 City Run-Off Election be certified as read by the City Clerk, and that for the election of Mayor Commissioner the whole number of votes cast was 4,816, of which number: Bob Benton received 2,613, and Rick Reed received 2,203; and that for the election of Mayor Commissioner, Bob Benton be declared elected.

Commissioner Nelson said he would like to ask the Supervisor of Elections her thoughts regarding whether it was high or low, expected or unexpected.

Ms. Gertrude Walker, Supervisor of Elections, said it was a high turnout. The last municipal election that the Mayor was on the ballot, which is really the big election considerably because there are more people involved and more people turn out, was something close to 23% and the run-off only had about 21%. So they had a very good turnout in this election with 30% and 28%.

Those voting in favor of the motion were: Commissioners Alexander, Becht, Coke, Nelson, and Benton. Those opposed: None.

There being no further business, Mayor Benton declared the meeting adjourned at 12:07 p.m.

Adjournment.

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK

MAYOR COMMISSIONER