

Special City Commission Meeting Minutes
February 16, 2018
(APPROVED)

2/16/2018 - Minutes

1. CALL TO ORDER

A special meeting of the Lake Wales City Commission was held on February 17, 2017 at 4:00 p.m. in the Commission Chambers at the Municipal Administration Building. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Eugene Fultz.

2. ROLL CALL

Commission Members Present: Eugene Fultz - Mayor, Curtis Gibson, Terrye Howell, Robin Gibson - Deputy Mayor

Staff Present: Jennifer Nanek, City Clerk

3. COMMUNICATIONS & PETITIONS

4. AGENDA ITEM

4.I. Approving The Ballot For The April 3, 2018 Municipal Election

[Begin Agenda Memo]

It is necessary for the City Commission to approve the Ballot containing the names of persons who qualified as candidates for the 2018 Municipal Election during the City's qualifying period, noon, Monday, February 12, 2018 through noon, Friday, February 16, 2018.

[End Agenda Memo]

[Begin Draft Ballot]

CHARTER AMENDMENT

Ballot Title: Increased terms of office for commission members and mayor from two years to three years

Ballot Summary: Proposing that the terms of office for the commission members and mayor be increased from two years to three years, beginning for the mayor with the 2020 municipal election and for city commission members with the 2018 municipal election. The current term of the mayor shall be extended for one year for this purpose.

Ballot Question: Shall the above described Amendment be adopted?

___ YES

___ NO

[End Draft Ballot]

Mayor Fultz stated that Deputy Mayor Robin Gibson qualified without opposition and is automatically

elected. Commissioner Howell did not get her qualifying documents in on time and did not qualify. This will be addressed later. Mayor Fultz read the Charter Amendment on the ballot.

Commissioner Howell made a motion to approve the ballot. Commissioner Curtis Gibson seconded the motion.

Voice Vote:

Commissioner Howell "YES"

Commissioner Curtis Gibson "YES"

Deputy Mayor Robin Gibson "YES"

Mayor Fultz "YES"

Motion passed 4 -0.

The Commission Seat 3 vacancy was discussed. Jennifer Nanek, City Clerk, reviewed the charter that says the Commission must appoint someone. Whether the appointment would be until the next election or for the full term is a question for the City Attorney. Commissioner Howell explained that she was looking for someone to run. She is willing to serve. Deputy Mayor Robin Gibson said that this could be the opportunity to get someone good without this person having to run. He said that Commissioner Howell should have input on who would fill the vacancy. Mayor Fultz said he will hold his opinions for now. Commissioner Howell said we need someone who wants to be for all of Lake Wales. Commissioner Curtis Gibson asked Commissioner Howell if she was still willing to do it. Mayor Fultz said we need to think on this. Deputy Mayor Gibson said we should do this before she leaves.

Commission meeting was adjourned at 4:14 p.m.

Chair/Vice Chair

ATTEST:

City Clerk/Deputy City Clerk