

On Monday, April 6, 2020 at 5:00 p.m., the City of Wauchula Commission met for its regular scheduled workshop, virtually.

Nadaskay called the workshop to order.

Nadaskay read the following:

This April 6, 2020 meeting of the City Commission of the City of Wauchula is being held virtually pursuant to Executive Order No. 20-69, issued by the Office of Governor Ron Desantis on March 20, 2020. As this is our first virtual commission meeting, we have a few reminders that will help our meeting run as smooth as possible:

- Please silence all cell phones or other noise-making devices and make sure you are in a quiet room.
- The material for each item on the agenda is available during business hours at the city clerk's office.
- If you wish to address the City Commission, the member of the public must first state his or her name and his or her address.

All attendees will be muted upon entry to the meeting. If you wish to participate during public comment, please raise your hand and you will be unmuted.

- To raise your hand from a computer, select "Participants" then select "Raise Hand"
- To raise your hand from a smart device, select "Participants", then select yourself, then select "Raise Hand"

To raise your hand by phone press * 9

Commissioners present were Mayor Pro-Tem Neda Cobb, Russell Smith, Mayor Keith Nadaskay and Gary Smith.

Also present were City Manager Terry Atchley, Assistant City Manager Olivia Minshew, Finance Director Sandee Braxton City Attorney Thomas Cloud and City Clerk Holly Smith.

Board Appointment Forms Received for the Vacancy of District Seat 4

Atchley addressed the Commissioner and explained the district seat 4 vacancy process. Interested applicants were asked to submit the board appointment form which was provided by the City along with a five-minute video answering three questions. The questions were: 1. Tell us about yourself. 2. What special experiences, or skill do you have that you feel qualifies you to be a Commissioner. 3. Why do you want to be a Commissioner. Atchley noted two board appointment forms had been received and were from John Wintz Terrell and Sherri Albritton. Atchley stated the first appointment form was received from John Wintz Terrell which resides at 1026 Briarwood Drive, Wauchula and the information provided by Terrell would deem him qualified to hold an elected office in the City of Wauchula. The second board appointment form was received from Dr. Sherri Albritton, which resides at 705 Hawaiian Drive, Wauchula and the information provided by Albritton would deem her qualified to hold an elected office in the City of Wauchula. The video provided by Terrell was played for the Commission. Terrell described his background, explained his experiences and skills that qualified him to hold office and explained why he would like to be a City Commissioner. The video provided by Albritton was played for the Commission and she provided her background, explained her experiences and skills that makes her qualified to be a Commissioner and explained why she would like to be a City Commissioner again.

Atchley stated per the City Charter, once a Commission vacancy occurs an appointment has to be made within 30 days and an appointment would need to occur at next Monday's meeting. Atchley noted once an applicant is selected, they would be sworn in and start participating in the meeting immediately.

Atchley stated whomever is appointed at next week's meeting will have to qualify in June qualification period to run for this particular seat and it will be for a two-year term. Atchley suggested the Commission collaborate one question to ask the applicants and ask for a written response to be submitted by Monday April 13th at noon. Atchley noted the responses would be presented to you at the Monday night's meeting. Atchley noted at Monday's meeting a motion along with a second would have to be made to appoint someone to fill the vacancy. Nadaskay asked if both candidates would attend Monday's meeting. Atchley replied yes that would be the only way they would know if they were appointed. Atchley noted it would be a roll call vote. Atchley continued by saying the individual would then be sworn in and continue with participation in next week's meeting. Nadaskay asked if staff had any suggestions on what question to ask. Atchley replied no a final question was just a suggestion. Nadaskay stated he felt with the unique situation with the virus (Covid-19) whoever is appointed is coming into a bad situation. Nadaskay noted he would like the question to lean towards asking the applicant how this virus will affect their roll of being a Commissioner. Nadaskay stated was impressed with both applicants and we know Albritton because she had served on the Commission previously. Nadaskay noted he was also impressed by Terrell and would hate to put him into a position that is extra difficult even more than normal as his first time as a public official. Nadaskay stated he did not know how anyone else felt but that was his thoughts. Cobb asked Nadaskay if he want that as part of the question. Nadaskay replied he did not know if that was a good question or not but that was something he was thinking about. Cobb stated she felt that was a good question to ask. R. Smith asked if any of the Commissioners could reach out to either applicant individually. Cloud replied they are not on the Commission, so yes, they could. R. Smith replied he had a couple of questions and would like to speak with them individually. Atchley asked the Commission if they would like staff to draft a question for the applicants to answer or for each Commissioner to reach out individually to each applicant or both. The consensus of the Commission was for staff to draft a question for the applicants to answer and if any Commissioner wanted to reach out to an applicant they could.

Atchley gave the Commission an update on changes the City will be making with daily operations in accordance with Governor Desantis Executive Order No. 20-91. Atchley stated beginning tomorrow Tuesday, April 7th, the lobby hours for the administration office will be Tuesday 9am-1pm and Friday 1pm-5pm for cash payments only. Atchley noted also starting tomorrow complying with the social distancing requirements with the exception of the police officers the employees will be split into two full teams. One team will begin work tomorrow on site while the other team will be working from home and the following Tuesday the teams would swap rolls.

With no further business to discuss, Nadaskay adjourned the Workshop at 5:38 p.m.

Mayor Richard K. Nadaskay, Jr.

City Clerk Holly Smith