

CITY OF RIVIERA BEACH
PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA
SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
MUNICIPAL COMPLEX COUNCIL CHAMBERS
WEDNESDAY, MAY 19, 2006 AT 10:00 A.M.

1. CITY CLERK CALLS TO ORDER

Roll Call

Chairperson lies was present and presided. Upon a roll call by City Clerk Ward the following were present: Mayor Michael D. Brown, Chairperson Ann lies, Chair pro tern Vanessa Lee; Councilperson Norma Duncombe; Councilperson Elizabeth Wade; and Councilperson James Jackson. Also present were City Manager William Wilkins, City Clerk Carrie E. Ward, Master Municipal Clerk, and City Attorney Pamala Hanna Ryan.

Invocation/Pledge of Allegiance

Everyone stood for a Moment of Silence and the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. DISCUSSION:

A. OUTLINE OF GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS AND DIRECTIONS TO STAFF FOR AN AGREEMENT TO RETAIN THE SERVICE FOR MR. BERNARD KINSEY AS CONSULTANT FOR THE CITY REGARDING REDEVELOPMENT MATTERS

City Manager Wilkins stated that the purpose of the meeting was to discuss retaining Bernard Kinsey as a consultant for the city to assist in the completion of the negotiation for the redevelopment agreements that the CRA and City is currently negotiating. He stated that the compensation request provided to the City Council at the May 17th City Council Meeting were the terms of Mr. Kinsey with no deviation. He also stated that he had not received the proposal in writing.

City Manager Wilkins commented surrounding the conversation with himself, Mr. Johnson, and Mr. Kinsey. He further indicated that the charter stated all city employees must report to him and there should be no duplicative. He stated that he had no problem with the employment of Mr. Kinsey as a consultant.

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

The following spoke in favor of retaining Bernard Kinsey:

Tina White, 808 W 1st Street.
Donald Duncombe, 1357 W 28th Street.
Margaret Shepherd, 2003 W 17th Court.
Tony Gigliotti, representing Singer Island Civic Association.

The following spoke in opposition to retaining Bernard Kinsey:

Arthur Hamilton, PO Box 10274.
Dennis Widlansky, 1206 Coral Way.
Sylvia Lee Blue, 6285 Chasewood Drive.
Randy Graham, 1516 W 30th Street.

Chair pro tem Lee commented in favor of the consultant. She stated that the developer start date would be within 30 days. She further questioned the lease being extended for a 99 year lease.

Councilperson **Wade** stated Mr. Kinsey credentials were overwhelming; however, because she is a servant of the citizens she felt compel to render the right decision for the financial stability of the city. She then spoke in opposition to the process.

Councilperson Jackson state he decided to run in the position because of the Ocean Mall project. He stated that he felt that the city needed a person to be in charge of moving in a productive mode. Therefore, he felt Mr. Kinsey's services should be retained as the supreme commander to move the project forward.

Councilperson Duncombe commented in support of Mr. Kinsey stating we have made no progress within the past years. She further stated she agreed with Councilperson Wade and that it was important to maintain a "team" effort and that he should report to the City Council and not the City Manager or CRA Director.

Mayor Brown spoke in support stating because the citizens hold the Council accountable, the consultant, Mr. Kinsey, should report directly to the City Council without due respect to the City Manager or the CRA Director. He further stated that Mr. Kinsey was competent, capable, and would be the consultant to move the project and to provide stability and accountability. He then stated consultants must be accountable to the board otherwise the board would not have a clear understanding if documents were filtered.

Mayor Brown proceeded to cite and credited the achievements of Dr. Benjamin Carson.

Chair **pro** Lee stated that the city's request for the cost for retaining Mr. Kinsey would be split 50/50 between the City and CRA.

Chairperson lies commented that this was a done deal from the time it was put on the table. She stated that there was a certain criteria put on the table despite what members of the public may say. She further stated that staff was capable of doing their job; and that she had not interfered with nor called anyone; however, she advised Mr. Kinsey she felt that his services were not needed.

Chairperson lies stated that the City Council took leadership orchestrated and directed by the Mayor regarding the 99 year lease, and that the developer did not make the 30 day decision, the City Council did.

Floyd Johnson, CRA Executive Director, made comments regarding the steps taken to put the City in the position it was currently in with respect to the redevelopment project.

City Manager Wilkins stated that the purpose of the meeting was for the City Council to determine if they would like for someone else to come in and assist the CRA Director and City Manager in negotiations.

Chair pro tem Lee Madame Chair (Chairperson lies - Ms Lee) "I move to umm I make a motion that this board immediately umm contract Mr. Kinsey to provide consultant services to the City of Riviera Beach in the way of redevelopment to the Ocean Mall and umm Harbor Village, umm and I guess I need to put in do I need to put in the conditions to the motion; (Atty. Ryan - yes please) umm and that is immediately and yes I the motion includes to have Mr. Kinsey to report directly to this board umm at the umm and the motion also includes for any consultants on the city side to come through Mr. Kinsey and then Mr. Kinsey will report directly to the board. Do I need to should I keep going (put everything in there) okay at the umm the rate of umm what was that \$3,000 \$3,000 per day, a minimum of ten days, reimburse for expenses to be paid 50% by the city, 50% by the cra (Atty. Ryan - hold on) (Councilperson Wade - Madame chair point of order she can not you can not motion on the cra) okay to be okay (Atty. Ryan - we need to understand the intent) so 50% paid by the city okay umm and that umm inaudible umm (Atty. Ryan - I miss something you said \$3,000 per day minimum) for a minimum of ten days per month he will work a minimum of ten days per month okay (Atty. Ryan - but there's no maximum) at you know that would be I'm sure if we need him umm and I think that's all I really need to put in the (Councilperson Duncombe - for how long) oh okay for six months for six months with umm within the 90 days of that six months period we would umm determine whether not we need him for another six months (Atty. Ryan - so it's to come back to the Council) come back to the Council (Atty Ryan after the initial 90 days) come back to the Council no later no later than 90 days to the end of the six months period to determine whether or not his services will still be needed and I think that's all I need to put in that motion." Seconded by Councilperson Duncombe.

Mr. Wilkins unless Ms Lee has spoken with Mr Kinsey since the last time I spoken to him those were not all of the terms that he indicated that he would come to work for the city for. There is a request for reimburse for expenses for travel, a provision of the opportunity to have lodging when he needed it and transportation in addition per diem.

Chair pro tem Lee "the per diem lodging everything."

Councilperson Duncombe I second it.

Lengthy discussion continued amongst the Mayor, City Council, and staff.

Upon a roll call vote by City Clerk Ward, the motion was approved with Councilpersons lies and Wade dissenting.

MOTION APPROVED

4. ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, the meeting was duly adjourned at 12:18 p.m.

APPROVED:

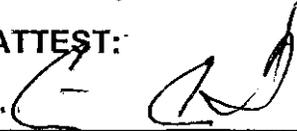


MICHAEL D. BROWN
MAYOR



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CHAIRPERSON

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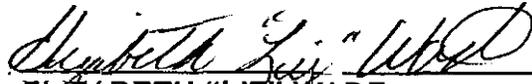
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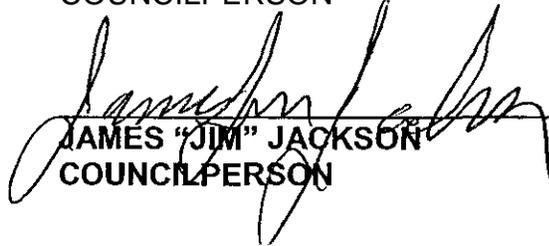
VANESSA LEE
CH. PROTEM



NORMA DUNCOMBE
COUNCILPERSON



ELIZABETH "LIZ" WADE
COUNCILPERSON



JAMES "JIM" JACKSON
COUNCILPERSON

MOTIONED BY: V. Lee

SECONDED BY: E. Wade

A. ILES aye

V. LEE aye

N. DUNCOMBE aye

E. WADE aye

J. JACKSON aye