

**MINUTES OF THE
SPECIAL CITY COMMISSION MEETING
CITY OF EUSTIS, FLORIDA
April 19, 2007 at 6:00 p.m.**

**THIS MEETING OF THE EUSTIS CITY COMMISSION WAS HELD AT 10 NORTH GROVE STREET, EUSTIS,
WITH MAYOR JAMES T. ROTELLA PRESIDING.**

Mayor Rotella acknowledged a quorum was present with all Commissioners seated and confirmed proper notice had been given.

OTHERS PRESENT:

Steve Benetz, Senior Director Leisure Services/Library Director	Jim R. Myers, Jr., Acting City Manager/City Clerk
Fred Cobb, Senior Director of Public Safety/Police Chief	Alton Roane, Senior Director of Development Services
Chip DeLaet, Senior Building Official	Judy Roberts, Deputy City Clerk
John Futch, Director of Public Works	Mike Sheppard, Acting Finance Director
Erwin Gajentan, Director of Water	Lewis Stone, City Attorney
Ann Isaacs, Director of Human Resources	Roy Tremain, Fire Chief
Tracy Jeanes, Director of Purchasing	Karen White, Recording Secretary
Chin Khor, Senior Director of Public Services	

**Order of Business
SELECTION OF FINALISTS FOR CITY MANAGER**

I. Presentation by Dr. Tom D. Freijo, The Mercer Group, Inc.

Dr. Freijo stated that he has six (6) individuals that he recommends be reviewed further and take part in the formal interviews. He reviewed the points of the Interview Guide that he had distributed to the Commissioners. The interviews are scheduled for April 30 and May 1. A tour of the City will be available for the candidates' spouses and there will be a public "Meet the Candidate" social. He questioned if the Commission wanted to serve alcohol at the social.

Mr. Stone commented that he did not believe there was any City policy prohibiting alcohol at the social but it was a decision to be made by the Commission.

CONSENSUS: It was the consensus of the Commission not to serve alcoholic beverages at the social event to meet the candidates for City Manger.

Dr. Freijo reviewed the background information and questionnaires that he had the candidates fill out. The responses provided were verbatim and were not changed in any way.

II. City Commission Discussion

Dr. Freijo answered questions regarding what he had communicated to the candidates regarding priorities of the Commission. He had included growth and smart growth, green space, downtown redevelopment and economic development, all of which were mentioned in the position advertisement.

Mayor Rotella expressed concern about some of the candidates' past employment experiences and possible terminations. He questioned the recruitment process.

Dr. Freijo explained that he used three (3) methods as part of the recruitment process: advertisement (in about 12 locations), sending out letters to individuals who he believed would be good candidates, and phone calls to those he believed would be exceptionally well-suited to the position.

CONSENSUS: It was the consensus of the Commission that they were happy with the final candidates and wanted to proceed.

Attorney Stone reminded the Commission about the Sunshine Law restrictions on discussing any of these matters with one another.

ADJOURNMENT: 6:50 P.M.



JUDY ROBERTS, CMC
City Clerk



EVELYN H. SMITH
Mayor/Commissioner