

CITY OF CLEWISTON
Special Commission Meeting
February 21, 2013

The City of Clewiston City Commission held a Special Commission meeting in the City Hall Commission Chambers Thursday, February 21, 2013. The meeting was called to order at 12:10 p.m. by Mayor Phillip Roland. Commissioner Pittman gave the invocation and the audience recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Attendance:

Commissioners Present: Mayor Phillip Roland, Commissioner Mali Gardner, Commissioner Richard Miller, Commissioner James Pittman, and Commissioner Julio Rodriguez.

Personnel Present: Finance Director Ted Byrd, Interim City Manager Don Gutshall, City Clerk Marilyn McCorvey, Community Development Director Travis Reese, Public Works Director Sean Scheffler, Recreation Director Lance Ramer, City Engineer Scott Jones, and Rhonda Davis. City Attorney Schoech was present via telephone.

1. **Discussion on City Manager Applicants and Interview Process** – A list of the six highest scoring candidates was presented to the Commission. ICM Gutshall explained the scoring method for the candidates and asked for guidance to move forward. The Commission discussed the interview process and decided to interview the top three candidates individually. Mayor Roland stated he would take the candidates as they are currently ranked and start negotiations with Albert Perry. Commissioner Gardner stated that Albert Perry is also her number 1 choice but she does not have a problem going through the interview process. Commissioner Pittman stated that he does not want to hire or negotiate anything until he does interviews. Commissioner Rodriguez stated he would support interviewing the top 2 candidates. Commissioner Pittman stated he does not want to interview only individuals with no city manager experience.

Commissioner Rodriguez made a motion seconded by Commissioner Gardner, to interview the top two candidates.

Commissioner Gardner stated she wanted to interview the top two applicants, but she believes we should bring in the third applicant.

Commissioner Gardner withdrew her second to the above motion, and Commissioner Rodriguez withdrew his motion.

Commissioner Gardner made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Rodriguez to interview the top three candidates. Vote 3 yeas, 2 nays.

Commissioner Pittman stated he thought we should interview more than three candidates. Commissioner Miller agreed and stated we should interview more candidates to get the best qualified city manager. The Commission discussed the pro's and con's and hiring an experienced candidate compared to someone that is local that the commission can coach and mentor. Commissioner Rodriguez stated that whoever is selected as city manager, the Commission should give him their total support and help and guide him in his job.

Mayor Roland called for a roll call vote on the motion. Commissioner Gardner voted yea, Commissioner Pittman voted nay, Commissioner Rodriguez voted yea, Commissioner Miller voted nay, and Mayor Roland voted yea. Vote 3 yeas, 2 nays.

2. **Overlay Project Discussion** – The overlay project was bid in July of 2012. However, construction on the project has not yet started. Diaz Paving was the low bidder on the project and was awarded the project in the amount of \$189,935, however Mr. Diaz has stated that he will need a 15% increase to do the project at this time because of his rising costs. City Attorney Schoech stated by Florida Statute, the project must be rebid.

Commissioner Pittman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Gardner, to rebid the overlay project and specify on the quote that prices should be by square yard. Vote 5 yeas, 0 nays.

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 1:00 p.m.

Phillip Roland, Mayor

Marilyn McCorvey, City Clerk