



**City of Freeport**

**SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

March 5, 2020, 6:00 PM  
Council Chambers, Freeport City Hall

Council Members Present: Mayor Russ Barley, Councilwoman Amanda Green, Councilwoman Elizabeth Brannon, Councilman Eddie Farris, Councilman William "Boots" McCormick, Councilwoman Elizabeth Haffner

Staff Members Present: City Attorney Clay Adkinson, Planning Director Latilda Neel, Interim City Clerk Lori Cox

**1. Meeting Called to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 6:02 p.m. by Mayor Russ Barley in the Council Chambers of Freeport City Hall.

**2. City Manager Candidates Interview**

Mayor Barley announced that the purpose of the meeting was to conduct in-person interviews with the top two candidates for the City Manager position. Mayor Barley turned the meeting over to Mr. Eddy with the Florida City & County Managers Association.

Mr. Eddy introduced himself and stated that he had been pleased to help the Council through the City Manager process. He requested that the candidates be complete, brief and succinct in their answers to the pre-approved questions to ensure that they complete all questions.

Interim City Clerk Lori Cox introduced Heather Ruder. The pre-approved questions were presented to Ms. Ruder, questions were received and answered.

Mayor Barley called for a 10-minute recess at 6:36 p.m.

Mayor Barley called the meeting back to order at 6:46 p.m.

Mayor Barley introduced Marc Woerner. Cox began asking the pre-approved questions; questions were received and answered.

Mr. Eddy stated that if the Council does decide to enter negotiations with a candidate that it typically is done with the Mayor and the City Attorney. He then explained different types of contracts and stated that according to the code of ethics, City Managers should at least commit to holding the position for two years.

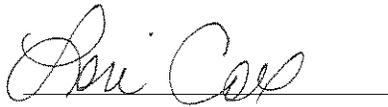
Council consensus was to have the City Manager Hiring Process on the Agenda at the next meeting for discussion.

**3. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned by Mayor Barley at 7:31 p.m.



Mayor



Interim City Clerk

