

CITY OF MOUNT DORA, FLORIDA
CITY COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION MINUTES
June 15, 2023, 7:00 PM
Mount Dora City Hall
510 N. Baker St., Mount Dora, FL 32757

CALL TO ORDER

Have been duly advertised as required by law, Mayor Crissy Stile called to order the June 15, 2023, special meeting of the Mount Dora City Council at 7:00 p.m.

MOMENT OF SILENCE & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

A moment of silence and Pledge of Allegiance were led by Councilmember Walker.

ROLL CALL

Members Present

Crissy Stile, Mayor
John Cataldo, District 1
Cal Rolfson, District 2
Dennis Dawson, District 3
Nate Walker, District 5
Doug Bryant, At-large

Also Present

Patrick C. Comiskey, City Manager
Sherry G. Sutphen, City Attorney
Jeanann Hand, City Clerk

Members Not Present

Marc Crail, Vice-mayor

DISCUSSION ITEM

1. City Manager Discussion Conclusion

Mayor Stile explained her reason for calling the meeting, which solely involves the discussion item regarding the City Manager. The item had originally been placed on the June 20th agenda by the City Manager. Mayor Stile wished to more promptly address the report resulting from the employee survey, which had been distributed to Council at 4:00 p.m. that afternoon. Councilmembers expressed their thoughts regarding the timing of the discussion and plans on moving forward from this point. Mayor Stile stressed the urgency of the matter and read portions of the report. Outside consultation was again discussed, as was the importance of assigning adequate time to work through the circumstance. The City Attorney advised regarding quorum requirements for votes and termination actions. Councilmembers considered the gravity of the circumstance and appropriate action. Councilmembers further discussed third-party consultation.

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER DAWSON TO TABLE THE DISCUSSION UNTIL THE JUNE 20TH CITY COUNCIL MEETING; COUNCILMEMBER CATALDO SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION PASSED BY A UNANIMOUS ROLL CALL VOTE.

YES Dawson
Cataldo
Rolfson
Walker
Bryant
Stile

NO None

PUBLIC COMMENT

Josh Hemingway, 1177 East Fifth Avenue, spoke against the current process and the performance of the City Attorney. He spoke in favor of the City Manager.

Matt Cady, 406 Dora Road, spoke about the validity of employee feedback.

Mike Garcia, 1912 Hilltop Drive, implored Council to consider the circumstances of City staff.

Nicole Wisniewski, 2210 Martins Run, Tavares, spoke in favor of the City Manager's Executive Assistant and about the accuracy of surveys.

Joe Lewis, 148, Charles Avenue, shared his opinion about how this matter has progressed and advised acquiring professional assistance.

Adrian Coombes, 408 West Ninth Avenue, spoke about his concerns and supported the suggestion of third party intervention.

Ozell Ward, 318 East Jackson Avenue, spoke about the validity of staff feedback and the need for outside consultation.

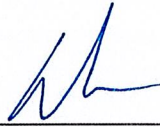
Bob Gordon, 601 East First Avenue, expressed the desire to see more facts regarding the City Manager's performance.

Rachel O'Ryan, 341 Alexander Street, spoke about protecting the City's reputation and agreed about the need for independent consultation.

ADJOURNMENT

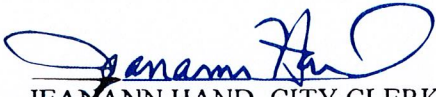
MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER WALKER TO ADJOURN; COUNCILMEMBER DAWSON SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION PASSED WITH A UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE.

There being no further business for discussion, the meeting adjourned at approximately 7:58 p.m.



CRISSY STILE, MAYOR

City of Mount Dora



JEANANN HAND, CITY CLERK

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