

MINUTES  
CITY COMMISSION MEETING  
October 3, 2012

The City Commission met this date in special session in the Commission Chambers. A quorum being present, the meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM with the following in attendance.

Mayor : John B. Arnold, Jr.  
Commissioners : Heyward H. Strong, Jr.  
: Diane Kelley  
: Joe Morgan  
: Kay Hamilton  
City Clerk : Tammy Johnson  
City Attorney : Heyward Dykes

Others in attendance: Anita Griffith (Court Reporter), James Butler (Camera), Mike Griffith (Bay Beacon)

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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Session  
Bradley

Mayor Arnold stated that the meeting was duly advertised. Mayor Arnold read aloud the "Notice of Special Meeting and Executive Session" concerning settlement negotiations or strategy in Bradley vs. City of Valparaiso, Case No. 2009-CA-001965. Anticipated time is between thirty to forty minutes. The Mayor declared the meeting recessed at 6:03 PM.

SPECIAL MEETING

The special meeting resumed at 6:45 PM.

Valp  
Vision  
Commit-  
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Mayor Arnold passed out an invitation letter to be sent to the Valparaiso Vision Committee to outline their responsibilities. It was discussed making Kay Rasmussen, an ex officio member of the committee. There is a brief discussion on updating our current form of government and Comm. Strong and Comm. Morgan said they feel that the Vision Committee and the form of Government issue are two separate things. Mayor Arnold said he only mentioned it in the letter to show there are no boundaries. The City Charter will be an agenda item for Monday's meeting. After much discussion as how to vote and whom to elect to the Vision Committee, it is decided that the names will be taken home by each Commissioner who will rank fifteen and return those rankings to Ms. Johnson for final tabulation to be announced at the next meeting on Monday.

Dept.  
Head  
Eval-  
uation

Mayor Arnold has Ms. Johnson hand out an annual evaluation worksheet on all department heads that he asks all Commissioner's to complete. After he has received these worksheets from the Commissioner's he will talk to each of the department heads individually for their annual review.

Mullet  
Festival

Ms. Johnson also asked about the sanitation workers working for Niceville's Mullet Festival, she said that Mr. Valandingham was asking if it is okay for our workers to work the festival. Mayor Arnold said we have always helped out in the past, however the police department personnel has been paid through the festival, the sanitation workers are paid by the City of Valparaiso in overtime wages. Comm. Hamilton, whom Mr. Valandingham originally contacted because she is the Commissioner over sanitation, said that she agreed we should support the City of Niceville's festival and thought money should be in the budget. Ms. Johnson said that Mr. Valandingham said that we didn't have enough money in overtime budgeted but the remaining money could be found through the rest of the fund.

ADJOURN

There being no further business to be brought before the Commission, the meeting adjourned at 7:05 PM.

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John B. Arnold, Jr.  
Mayor

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Heyward H. Strong  
Chair, VCA

ATTEST:

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Tammy Johnson, CMC  
City Clerk