



Town of Melbourne Beach

**SPECIAL TOWN COMMISSION MEETING
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 6, 2018
(immediately following the Workshop)
TOWN HALL MASNY ROOM – 507 OCEAN AVENUE**

MINUTES

Mayor Jim Simmons
Commissioner Tom Davis
Commissioner Wyatt Hoover
Commissioner Sherri Quarrie
Commissioner Steve Walters

Town Manager Bob Daniels
Town Clerk Nancy Wilson
Finance Manager Elizabeth Mascaro

PUBLIC NOTICE

**The Town Commission conducted a Special Town Commission Meeting
on Wednesday, June 6, 2018 to address the items below.**

I. Call to Order – Led by Mayor Simmons

Mayor Simmons called the meeting to order at 6:52 p.m.

II. Roll Call

Town Clerk Wilson led the roll call.

Commissioners Present:

Mayor Jim Simmons
Vice Mayor Tom Davis
Commissioner Steve Walters
Commissioner Wyatt Hoover

Staff Present:

Town Manager Bob Daniels
Town Clerk Nancy Wilson
Finance Manager Elizabeth Mascaro

Commissioners Absent:

Commissioner Sherri Quarrie

III. Public Comment

No public in attendance

IV. New Business

Discussion and possible action related to looking outside the Police Department for an interim Chief of Police during the search for a permanent Chief – Vice Mayor Davis

Vice Mayor Davis said he would like the decision made at this meeting about who would be appointed Interim Police Chief. He doesn't feel that we should be without a Chief during hurricane season. The Vice Mayor said he is prepared to make a recommendation. Both Mayor Simmons and Commissioner Walters said this isn't a decision that the Commission can make; it is the Town Manager's role to hire and fire personnel.

Town Manager Daniels said we have 3 officers with the rank of Sergeant but only one of them has a bachelor's degree which is a stated requirement. He said that he'd like the Interim and permanent Chief to be appointed from within the organization. The 3 candidates are Rick Dovale, Melanie Griswald and Matt Smith. Only Ms. Griswald holds a 4 year degree.

Mayor Simmons said that a recommendation by a Commission member shouldn't be done at a meeting because that would put us in a position that we've been in before where we are directing the Town Manager to make a hire. However, he continued, this doesn't preclude the Vice Mayor from sharing his thoughts with the Town Manager.

Commissioner Walters said he would be in favor of waiving the degree requirement with the stipulation that the person hired would acquire a degree within a certain timeframe. In response, Vice Mayor Davis said the 3 Sergeants were offered and encouraged over 3 years ago to get their degree at Town expense but only one person did so.

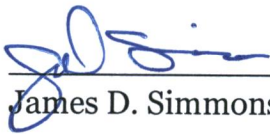
It was agreed that any input given to the Town Manager by a Commission member regarding the hiring of a new Police Chief would take place in private and not at a public meeting.

V. Adjournment

Vice Mayor Davis made a motion to adjourn; Commissioner Hoover seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

Meeting adjourned at 7:06 p.m.

ATTEST:


James D. Simmons, Mayor
Nancy Wilson, Town Clerk