

VERNON MYERS
MAYOR - COMMISSIONER

MARY LAWSON BROWN
VICE MAYOR - COMMISSIONER

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CHIEF OF POLICE

MICHAEL LAMBERT
CHIEF FIRE DEPT.

DONALD E. HOLMES
CITY ATTORNEY

Regular meeting 2nd and 4th Thursdays each month at 6:00 p.m.

MINUTES
CITY OF PALATKA
CALLED MEETING – EXECUTIVE SESSION
September 12, 2013 – 4:25 p.m.

Proceedings of a called Executive Session meeting of the City Commission of the City of Palatka, Florida, held on the 12th day of August, 2013.

PRESENT:

Mayor	Vernon Myers
Commissioner	Mary Lawson Brown
Commissioner	Allegra Kitchens
Commissioner	Phil Leary
Commissioner	James Norwood, Jr.

Also Present: City Manager Michael J. Czymbor; City Attorney Donald E. Holmes; City Clerk Betsy Jordan Driggers; and Finance Director Matt Reynolds

- 1. CALL TO ORDER:** - Mayor Myers called the meeting to order at 4:25 p.m. and read the following call, dated September 6, 2013:

TO COMMISSIONERS: MARY LAWSON BROWN, ALLEGRA KITCHENS, PHIL LEARY AND JAMES NORWOOD, JR.:

You are hereby notified that a special called meeting of the Palatka City Commission is called to be held on Thursday, September 12, 2013, at the regular meeting place of the Palatka City Commission, in City Commission Chambers at Palatka City Hall, 201 N. 2nd Street, Palatka, Florida, to commence at 4:25 p.m.

The purpose of the meeting is to conduct a closed Executive Session at 4:30 p.m. in the *City Hall Upstairs Conference Room*, 201 N. 2nd Street, Palatka, in order to hold an attorney/client session to discuss ongoing litigation. After the public meeting is convened, the Commission will go into closed session pursuant to Section 286.011(8), Florida Statutes. The subject matter of the executive session is the litigation in the matter of City of Palatka vs. Poseidone, LLC; and American Southern Insurance.

Discussion in this session shall be confined to settlement negotiations and/or strategy sessions related to litigation expenditures. In addition to members of the Palatka City Commission, in attendance at this Executive Session will be City Manager Michael J. Czymbor and City Attorney Donald E. Holmes as well as a certified court reporter. This executive session will last approximately 1 hour.

Following the closed session, the Commission will reconvene in open session so that the termination of the Execution Session can be announced. At that time, the special meeting will be adjourned.

Isl Vernon Myers
Vernon Myers, MAYOR

The following commissioners acknowledged receipt of a copy of this Notice of a Special Called Meeting on the 6th day of September, 2013

Isl Mary Lawson Brown
COMMISSIONER

Isl Phil Leary
COMMISSIONER

Isl James Norwood, Jr.
COMMISSIONER

Isl Allegra Kitchens
COMMISSIONER

2. **ANNOUNCEMENT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION:** Mayor Myers read the announcement of executive session.

CITY ATTORNEY ANNOUNCEMENT: Mr. Holmes stated he is requesting advisement concerning litigation and settlement strategy in the matter of City of Palatka vs. Poseidone LLC and American Southern Insurance.

Mayor Myers announced the persons authorized to attend, those being himself, Commissioners Mary Lawson Brown, Allegra Kitchens, Phil Leary, and James Norwood, Jr.; City Manager Michael J. Czymbor; City Attorney Donald E. Holmes; and a Certified Court Reporter

Mayor Myers announced the Executive Session will last approximately one (1) hour.

RECESS – Mayor Myers recessed the called meeting at 4:28 p.m. to convene the Executive Session (See Special Agenda), stating the authorized attendees will adjourn to the Upstairs Conference Room to participate in the Executive Session. He noted that the public will be excluded from the executive session, but may be present upon reconvening of the called meeting of the City Commission upon conclusion of the Executive Session.

RECONVENE – Mayor Myers reconvened the Called meeting in Commission Chambers at 5:20 p.m. and announced the conclusion of the Executive Session. He noted the public may be present at this time.

3. **ADJOURN** – There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 5:21 p.m. upon a motion by Commissioner Kitchens.

ANY PERSON WISHING TO APPEAL ANY DECISION MADE BY THE CITY COMMISSION WITH RESPECT TO ANY MATTER CONSIDERED AT SUCH MEETING WILL NEED A RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS, AND FOR SUCH PURPOSE MAY NEED TO INSURE THAT A VERBATIM RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS IS MADE, WHICH RECORD INCLUDES THE TESTIMONY AND EVIDENCE UPON WHICH THE APPEAL IS TO BE BASED. FS 286.105