

**MINUTES
TOWN OF LAKE CLARKE SHORES
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING TO APPOINT
NEW TOWN MANAGER
NOVEMBER 2, 2022**

1. Call to Order

A. Mayor Shalhoub called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM.

The following officials were present:

Paul R. Shalhoub, Mayor
Robert M. W. Shalhoub, Vice Mayor
Gregory Freebold, President Pro Tem
Valentin Rodriguez, Jr., Council Member
Robert O. Gonzalez, Council Member

B. Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Shalhoub led the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Approval of Agenda

Motion made by Vice Mayor Shalhoub to approve the Agenda, seconded by President Pro Tem Freebold; Motion approved (5-0).

3. Replacement of retiring Town Manager

A. Introduction of candidates - Daniel Clark, Town Manager

Mr. Clark noted that he gave the Town Council with his intent to retire during the August 9th Town Council Meeting. The Town received sixteen applications for the Town Manager position. Town staff narrowed the list to four candidates. One of the four candidates withdrew prior to them being interviewed individually by the Town Council and meeting with the staff on October 20th. One of the three candidates withdrew on October 21st, leaving two candidates, Jason Davis and Joseph Lo Bello, to be interviewed for the position.

Mayor Shalhoub noted the procedures that will be followed for the interview process. He then welcomed the both of the candidates and thanked them for their interest in the position. It was noted that Mr. Davis would be interviewed first.

B. Questions from the Town Council

Both candidates introduced themselves before answering various questions from the Town Council Members regarding their experience and how they would handle issues that are important to the Town and residents of Lake Clarke Shores.

At the conclusion of the interviews, Council Member Gonzalez asked if the order of the meeting could be changed to allow comments from members of the audience before the

Town Council discusses the issue and makes their determination. It was noted that the Council would need to make a motion to reconsider the agenda, since the agenda was already approved.

Motion made by Council Member Gonzalez to reconsider the agenda, seconded by Council Member Rodriguez; Motion approved (5-0).

Motion made by Council Member Gonzalez to allow Audience Comments prior to the Council Comments and Council Selection, seconded by President Pro Tem Freebold; Motion approved (5-0).

Note: The minutes reflect the revised order if the agenda.

4. Audience Comments

Ashok Kulkarni, 8131 West Lake Drive – noted the ongoing septic to sewer issue.

Timothy Daughtry, 1410 Keller Drive – noted that the residents volunteer and participate in the various Town events, which is an important character of the Town.

Louise Brandenburg, 1890 Carandis Road – wanted to know if the candidates are aware of State Statutes regarding home based businesses.

5. Council Comments

The Council Members thanked both candidates for their time and participation in the selection process. The Council Members discussed Mr. Davis's current position with PBC Utilities and Mr. Lo Bello's current position as Town Manager of Juno Beach. It was noted that they both have established relationships with existing County and State officials, which would benefit the Town. The Council Members also noted that it was going to be hard to make a choice since both candidates are qualified for the Town Manager position.

6. Council Selection

Mr. Clark noted that each Council Member would need to write their selection for Town Manager on the paper provided, sign the paper and give it to Mr. Schoech so that he can tally the votes. After review, Mr. Schoech noted that it was a unanimous vote for Joseph Lo Bello.

Motion made by President Pro Tem to appoint Joseph Lo Bello as the new Lake Clarke Shores Town Manager, seconded by Council Member Gonzalez; Motion approved (5-0).

7. Adjournment

Motion made by Vice Mayor Shalhoub to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 PM, seconded by Council Member Rodriguez; Motion approved (5-0).

Paul R. Shalhoub, Mayor

Mary Pinkerman, Town Clerk