

CITY COMMISSION WORKSHOP
Advisory Board Nominations

City Hall Training Room
December 8, 2010 5:30 p.m.

I. Call to Order

Mayor Ed Kelley called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Present were Mayor Ed Kelley, Commissioners James Stowers, Troy Kent, Rick Boehm, and Bill Partington, City Manager Joyce Shanahan, Assistant City Manager Ted MacLeod, Deputy City Attorney Ann-Margret Emery, and City Clerk Veronica Patterson.

II. Discussion of Duplicate Nominations

Mayor Kelley stated that there were some people nominated for more than one board, which he felt might be too much responsibility for one person.

Commissioners Boehm and Stowers stated they favored reviewing the nominations board by board.

A. Board of Adjustment and Appeals

Mayor Kelley noted that Harold Briley was nominated as a member and alternate on this board, as well as the Planning Board. He stated Mr. Briley asked to be nominated to serve on the Planning Board. He stated the BOAA and Planning Board were two of the most important boards.

Commissioner Stowers stated he was not opposed to having Mr. Briley serve on both boards, but he felt it was important to have as many people as possible involved in serving on the boards.

Commissioner Kent stated he favored nominating Mr. Briley for both boards.

Mayor Kelley noted that he had nominated Mr. Briley as an alternate, which he would change.

B. Budget Advisory Board

Mayor Kelley stated that Rick Banker was nominated by Commissioner Boehm and him. He stated his secondary nomination would be Marvin Miller, who had served on the board.

Commissioner Boehm stated his secondary nomination was Rafael Rameriz, if Rick Banker's name was withdrawn. Commissioner Boehm suggested that nominating someone new on the board would broaden their base and bring a new perspective to the board. He changed his nomination to Rafael Ramirez.

C. Environmental Advisory Board

Mayor Kelley noted that the Environmental Advisory Board (EAB) met infrequently as there were not any environmental issues to discuss.

Commissioner Kent stated that a member of the EAB felt the board should be eliminated.

Commissioner Stowers stated he favored eliminating the EAB, as well, and suggested creating a beachfront park advisory board.

Mayor Kelley suggested discussing this at the goals setting workshop in January 2011.

Commissioner Boehm stated he was reluctant to nominate someone to a board that did not have a purpose.

Commissioner Partington noted that there was a consensus to eliminate the EAB, but he favored keeping it because it made the city look like it was sensitive to environmental issues and provided an outlet if there should be an issue for discussion by the EAB.

Mayor Kelley supported shifting the EAB function to the Planning Board.

City Clerk Ronnie Patterson clarified that they would not be making appointments to the EAB.

D. Historic Landmark Preservation Board

Mayor Kelley stated that Dr. Shapiro had been nominated by the Historical Society and him, so he would nominate someone else.

Mayor Kelley noted that Sean O'Sullivan had nine absences; whereby, Commissioner Kent stated he had spoken with Mr. O'Sullivan who indicated he really wanted to serve on the HLPB and would work toward better attendance.

Commissioner Boehm stated he favored an ordinance amendment to reflect an automatic termination from the board after three consecutive unexcused absences. He suggested the chairman of the board could notify city staff.

III. Discussion of At-Large Advisory Board Nominations

A. Environmental Advisory Board

As stated above, there was a consensus to not make appointments to the EAB.

B. General Employees' Pension Board

Mayor Kelley stated that Michael Furman was a financial analyst and had served on another board. He stated he was excited about serving on this board.

C. Historic Landmark Preservation Board

Ms. Shanahan suggested Mayor Kelley could move one of the at-large nominations forward for his nomination.

D. Municipal Firefighters' Pension Board

Commissioner Boehm asked about Mr. Dominic Morgese; whereby, Ms. Patterson stated that he lived in Ormond Beach and was the Assistant Finance Director for the City of South Daytona.

Mayor Kelley stated that Mr. Lee Strong was a financial planner with Morgan Stanley. He stated that his past appointees did not feel they were very effective serving on the pension boards as the plans were regulated by state legislature, as well as being held on a Friday morning lasting four or five hours, which kept them away from their work. He stated that the pension boards also met at the same time; whereby, Ms. Shanahan stated that the boards had the same actuary, investment managers, and attorney and meeting at the same time was more cost effective.

Mr. Boehm stated his concerned that the trustees needed to have more investment experience.

Commissioner Kent stated he felt it was important that their appointments have a presence on the pension boards.

Mayor Kelley stated that Mr. Furman wanted to serve on the General Employees board because he wanted to make a difference.

E. Planning Board

Mayor Kelley stated that there was contention on the Planning Board between two members.

Commissioner Boehm stated the conflict seemed to be only on the electronic sign issue.

Commissioner Kent and Stowers stated both members were passionate about issues and they felt different points of view were important.

Commissioners Boehm and Partington stated that they would be sticking with their nominations.

At-large members

Mayor Kelley stated that the Commission was in consensus to nominate Mr. Doug Wigley and Mr. Harold Briley and to ask Mr. Ryck Hundredmark to serve on the BOAA. Commissioner Stowers commented that Ms. Shannon Julien felt her background in the environmental and development realm would be better served on the Planning Board because of prospective development as opposed to variances and different items that came under the BOAA.

Leisure Services Advisory Board

Mayor Kelley noted that Mr. Harry Wendelstedt had quite a few absences due to health issues, and he suggested making him a board member emeritus or lifetime member because he had made such great contributions to the Leisure Services programs.

Commissioner Kent noted that Mr. Andy Romano fell off his roof last year and has had a long recovery period, and he, too, had made many contributions to the city.

Neighborhood Improvement Advisory Board

Mayor Kelley stated that he nominated Andrea Hall because she lives in the CDBG district and had expressed an interest in serving.

Public Works Advisory Board

Commissioner Kent noted that Harold Briley did not qualify for this board appointment.

Mayor Kelley stated he nominated Bob Boggs, who was a Civil Engineer with a general background of maintenance, traffic and construction experience. He worked for Daytona Beach as Traffic Engineer for 15 years and has been with Palm Coast for two years as Senior Transportation Planner.

Commissioner Boehm stated he disagreed with the ordinance and the set up of this board; whereby, Ms. Shanahan stated that the purpose of this meeting was to appoint members to the board, and the Commission could discuss amending the ordinance at a later date.

Quality of Life Advisory Board

Mayor Kelley noted that there were many absences on this board.

Goodwill Ambassador Program

Mayor Kelley stated he nominated Bob Coleman, Barbara Sandberg, Peggy Farmer, Rick Fraser, and Jim Rose.

Commissioner Kent questioned if the Goodwill Ambassadors were used; whereby, Commissioner Boehm commented that Mayor Costello attended many events himself and thus ambassador was like being a "Maytag repairman."

Mayor Kelley stated that he planned to utilize the goodwill ambassador during economic development luncheons and other functions, unless one of the Commissioners wished to serve.

IV. Discussion of Intergovernmental Board Nominations

A. Transportation Planning Organization

Mayor Kelley stated that he had attended two TPO meetings and met with Mr. Karl Welzenbach, as he believed this was a very important board. He stated he would like to serve on this board and recommended Commissioner Stowers as an alternate member.

B. Ormond Main Street Board of Directors

Commissioner Kent stated he was excited to see Commissioner Stowers step up to serve on this board as he had learned a lot from serving on it.

C. Volusia Council of Governments

Mayor Kelley stated that he had been appointed to serve on the executive board.

Commissioner Boehm suggested the vice mayor serve as an alternate member, as well.

V. Close the Meeting

The meeting was adjourned at 6:58 p.m.

Transcribed by: Lois Towey