

City of Delray Beach

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Minutes - Draft

Tuesday, March 31, 2020

4:15 PM

Annual Organizational Meeting/Regular Meeting at 4:15 PM

Delray Beach City Hall

City Commission

*Mayor Shelly Petrolia
Vice Mayor Shirley Ervin Johnson
Deputy Vice Mayor Bill Bathurst
Commissioner Adam Frankel
Commissioner Ryan Boylston*

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Petrolia called the Annual Organizational/Regular meeting to order at 4:23 p.m. The roll call was taken by the City Clerk.

2. ROLL CALL

The following were in attendance:

Present: 5 - Mayor Shelly Petrolia, Vice-Mayor Shirley Ervin Johnson, Commissioner Adam Frankel, Deputy Vice Mayor William Bathurst, and Commissioner Ryan Boylston

Also Present:

George Gretsas, City Manager
Lynn Gelin, City Attorney
Katerri Johnson, City Clerk

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG**4. AGENDA APPROVAL**

A motion was made by Commissioner Boylston, seconded by Vice-Mayor Ervin Johnson, that the agenda be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 5 - Mayor Petrolia, Vice-Mayor Ervin Johnson, Commissioner Frankel, Deputy Vice Mayor Bathurst, and Commissioner Boylston

5. COMMENTS AND INQUIRIES ON AGENDA AND NON-AGENDA ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC

5.A. From the Public

City Clerk Johnson stated that the e-comment feature was live and active and no comments from the public were submitted for this meeting.

6. COMMISSION COMMENTS

None at this time.

7. SWEARING IN - OATH OF OFFICE FOR NEWLY ELECTED OFFICIALS

7.A. SEAT 2

City Clerk Johnson swore in Juli Casale as the newly elected City Commissioner for Seat #2.

7.B. SEAT 4

City Clerk Johnson swore in Shirley Ervin Johnson as the newly re-elected

City Commissioner for Seat #4.

After the swearing in ceremony, Mayor Petrolia presented both individuals with flowers and welcomed them to their new positions.

8. ROLL CALL NEWLY SWORN-IN

Roll call of the newly sworn-in City Commission was taken by the City Clerk.

The following were in attendance:

Present - 5 - Mayor Petrolia, Commissioner Frankel, Commissioner Boylston, Vice Mayor Johnson, Commissioner Juli Casale.

9. SELECTION OF VICE MAYOR AND DEPUTY VICE MAYOR FOR THE TERM MARCH 31, 2020 - MARCH 25, 2021

9.A. VICE MAYOR NOMINATIONS

A motion was made by Commissioner Frankel, seconded by Vice-Mayor Ervin Johnson, that the nomination of Ryan Boylston for Vice Mayor be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes - 5 - Mayor Petrolia, Commissioner Ryan Boylston, Commissioner Casale, Vice-Mayor Johnson, Commissioner Frankel.

9.B. DEPUTY VICE MAYOR NOMINATIONS

A motion was made by Commissioner Boylston, seconded by Commissioner Frankel, that the nomination of Shirley Ervin Johnson as Deputy Vice-Mayor be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes - 5 - Mayor Petrolia, Vice-Mayor Boylston, Commissioner Frankel, Commissioner Casale, Deputy Vice-Mayor Johnson.

10. RATIFICATION OF EMERGENCY REGULATIONS RELATED TO COVID-19

10.A. [20-280](#) RATIFICATION OF EMERGENCY REGULATIONS RELATED TO COVID-19 ACTIVATED UNDER CHAPTER 95 OF THE DELRAY BEACH CODE OF ORDINANCES

Body: Recommended Action:

Recommendation: Motion to Ratify 1ST Extension of State of Emergency, 2nd Extension of State of Emergency, Emergency Declaration dated March 28, 2020, Resolutions 70-20, 71-20, 73-20, 75-20, 76-20, and 78-20.

Attachments: [Agenda Cover Report](#)
[1st Declaration Extension - COVID-19](#)
[2nd Declaration Extension - COVID-19](#)
[Emergency Declaration COVID-19 Dated 3-28-2020](#)
[Resolution No. 71-20 - COVID-19](#)
[Resolution No. 73-20 - COVID 19](#)
[Resolution No. 75-20 - COVID 19](#)
[Resolution No. 76-20 - COVID -19](#)
[Resolution No. 78-20 - COVID -19](#)

City Attorney Gelin stated to the Commission, pursuant to Chapter 95, that any resolutions or regulations which are executed by the City Manager during a state of emergency must be ratified by the Commission.

A motion was made by Commissioner Frankel, seconded by Vice Mayor Boylston, that the Ratifications of Emergency Regulations be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes - 5 - Mayor Petrolia, Vice Mayor Boylston, Commissioner Frankel, Deputy Vice Mayor Johnson, Commissioner Casale.

11. COMMENTS AND INQUIRIES ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS:

A. City Manager

City Manager Gretsas stated that the City of Delray Beach is following the guidelines set forth on a daily basis by the County's Emergency Operations Center, County Health Department and Administration, as well as the CDC. Mr. Gretsas went on to thank the City workers who are putting themselves in harms way to do their job and protect the citizens of Delray Beach. Mr. Gretsas answered questions from the Commission.

Mayor Petrolia stated that she is very grateful for all the workers on the front line.

Commissioner Johnson expressed concern that she would like to see more skills training for the unemployed in hopes of making them more valuable in the workplace.

B. City Attorney

None.

C. City Commission

Commissioner Frankel reported the following:

- Congratulated Commissioner Juli Casale and Deputy Vice Mayor Shirley Johnson and thanked Commissioner Bathurst for his tenure.
- Expressed his gratitude to all the city officials and employees for all of their hard work during this time.
- Suggested to the commissioners to possibly put together a gift for the hospital workers.
- Apologized for a comment that was taken out of context by a newspaper writer.

Deputy Vice Mayor Johnson reported the following:

- Stated she was sad that her family and supporters were unable to come out and celebrate with her due to the current state.
- Stated that the residents of Delray Beach are strong and resilient.
- Thanked her supporters during the recent election.
- Congratulated Commissioner Casale and Vice Mayor Boylston.

Vice Mayor Boylston reported the following:

- Thanked Commissioner Bathurst for his work.
- Congratulated Commissioner Casale and Deputy Vice Mayor Johnson.
- Thanked city staff and City Manager Gretsas for all their work.
- Commented that he will be on the COVID-19 update broadcast.

Mayor Petrolia reported the following:

- Thanked Commissioner Bathurst for his service and newly elected Juli Casale.
- Asked Vice Mayor Boylston if he would serve as the back-up seat on the TPA for the Mayor, as needed.
- Thanked John Brewer for coordinating area restaurants that are open by getting takeout orders to City residents.
- Suggested online sites that are helping local businesses also.
- The Food Give Away at Catherine Strong Park.
- Shared the City hotline number for COVID-19 information.

With no further business to discuss, Mayor Petrolia adjourned the meeting at 5:20 p.m.