

# **City of Delray Beach**

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## **Minutes - Draft**

**Wednesday, October 21, 2020**

**2:30 PM**

**Special Meeting at 2:30 PM**

**Virtual Meeting**

## **City Commission**

*Mayor Shelly Petrolia  
Vice Mayor Ryan Boylston  
Deputy Vice Mayor Shirley Ervin Johnson  
Commissioner Adam Frankel  
Commissioner Juli Casale*

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Pursuant to Section 3.12 of the Charter of the City of Delray Beach, the Mayor has instructed me to announce a Special Meeting of the City Commission to be held for the following purposes:

The Special Meeting was called to order at 2:37 p.m.

The roll was taken by City Clerk Katerri Johnson. The following were present:

**Present:** 5 - Mayor Shelly Petrolia, Deputy Vice Mayor Shirley Ervin Johnson, Commissioner Adam Frankel, Vice-Mayor Ryan Boylston, and Commissioner Juli Casale

**SP.1.** [20-892](#)

**CONSIDERATION OF REQUEST FOR POSTPONEMENT OF PUBLIC HEARING SCHEDULED FOR FRIDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2020**

**Purpose:** Discussion concerning request for postponement submitted by Thomas Ali, attorney for George Gretsas.

**Sponsors:** City Attorney Department

**Attachments:** [Email from Attorney Thomas Ali](#)

Others present were:

Jennifer Alvarez, Interim City Manager  
Lynn Gelin, City Attorney

Ms. Gelin advised the City Commission that she received notification from Mr. Gretsas' Attorneys, Mr. Thomas J. Ali, Esquire and Stuart N. Kaplan, P.A. and it is her understanding that they are now representing Mr. Gretsas with his termination proceedings. She further explained that the public hearing was scheduled for October 23, 2020 at 10 a.m., but due to the attorneys being recently retained as well as other outstanding issues, they have requested a postponement.

After checking with outside counsel and all parties involved, Friday, November 20, 2020 at 10 a.m. was determined to be the best date to reconvene.

Ms. Gelin expressed her positioning to Mr. Ali that Mr. Gretsas' contract allows for 120 days from the issuance of notice of termination to the public hearing after which no further payments of salary or benefits will be required. She stated that the attorneys have agreed that after October 23,

2020 which was the date of the public hearing that the City would not be responsible for making any further payments. Thus the suspension will go from suspended with pay to suspended without pay.

Further discussion ensued.

Commissioner Frankel made a motion to postpone the October 23, 2020 hearing and reschedule to the proposed date of Friday, November 20, 2020 at 10 a.m. and change Mr. Gretsas status to unpaid suspension of salary and benefits. The vote was taken and carried 5-0.

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 3:05 p.m.