

**CITY OF BROOKSVILLE
TELECONFERENCE MEETING
INTERIM CITY MANAGER APPLICATION REVIEW AND RANKING
201 HOWELL AVENUE
BROOKSVILLE, FL 34601**

MINUTES

April 25, 2017

10:00 A.M.

The following individuals met in a Teleconference Meeting with Bill Geiger, Acting City Manager; Virginia Wright, City Clerk; and the following members of the Florida City and County Management Association's Senior Advisor Program: Oel Wingo/Chair, Kurt Bressner and William Neron.

CALL TO ORDER – The teleconference meeting began at 10:05 a.m. City Clerk Wright introduced herself. She stated her purposed in participating in the Teleconference Meeting was to initiate the conference call and to record the minutes of the meeting. City Clerk Wright stated the purpose of the teleconference meeting was for panel review and ranking of the City of Brooksville Interim City Manager applications.

Oel Wingo/Florida City and County Management Association's Senior Advisory Program introduced herself as the Chair and participant of the selection panel. Dr. Wingo stated the other participants of the Senior Advisory Program selection panel are retired city managers who have a vast amount of experience. Kurt Bressner from Vero Beach, FL and Bill Neron, from Fruitland Park FL introduced themselves as the selection panel participants.

Dr. Wingo stated nine (9) candidates applied for the Interim City Manager position. She reported she had sent all nine (9) applications and resumes' to Mr. Bressner and Mr. Neron for their review and ranking.

Candidates selected for panel discussion are as follows:

Mr. Bressner – Lyndon Bonner, Mark Kutney, and Sharon Ragoonan.

Mr. Neron – Lyndon Bonner, Mark Kutney, Donald Levens.

Dr. Wingo – Lyndon Bonner, Mark Kutney, Sharon Ragoonan, and Redmond Jones II.

Mr. Bressner stated Sharon Ragoonan had worked at the City of Biscayne Park, FL beginning September 2016, and left that position in March of 2017. There was a change on the Commission in which Ms. Ragoonan left as a result of that change. Mr. Bressner stated it was an amicable separation and there has been no negative press. Mr. Bressner stated Ms. Ragoonan has a good mix of private and public sector experience. He added Ms. Ragoonan has strong experience in Code Enforcement and development related activities. Mr. Bressner noted while Ms. Ragoonan does not have CEO experience, she was the assistant city manager in Sunny Isle Beach for a year to a year and a half. Mr. Bressner further added at that time, the previous city manager's position was terminated, and as result Ms. Ragoonan had to leave as well.

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Mr. Bressner commented that he felt Ms. Ragoonan is very committed to the public sector; her responses contained within her application were very positive.

Dr. Wingo felt Ms. Ragoonan's credentials looked very very good. Dr. Wingo noted she had conducted a Google Search on Ms. Ragoonan, in which nothing negative was found. Dr. Wingo indicated she had a concern with Ms. Ragoonan's short tenures. Dr. Wingo noted Ms. Ragoonan's longest tenure was 1995 – 2012 when she was an Assistant Community Development Director. Mr. Bressner stated Ms. Ragoonan's employment separation with both Sunny Isle Beach and North Miami, was due to elected officials wanting a change. Bill Neron concurred.

Selection:

Dr. Wingo, Mr. Neron and Mr. Bressner all selected three (3) candidates to interview for the Interim City Manager position as follows: Lyndon Bonner, Mark Kutney, and Sharon Ragoonan.

Dr. Wingo announced that she will be present when the Brooksville City Council conducts the candidate interviews at the City of Brooksville on May 8, 2017.

Mr. Bressner noted he has previously observed Mr. Bonner and Mr. Kutney during interviews stating both interviewed very well. Mr. Bressner further added the reason Mr. Bonner and Mr. Kutney were not offered the job they had interviewed for due to neither having Beach Re-nourishment experience. Mr. Bressner mentioned he had not observed Ms. Ragoonan during an interview, therefore he was not able to comment on this item.

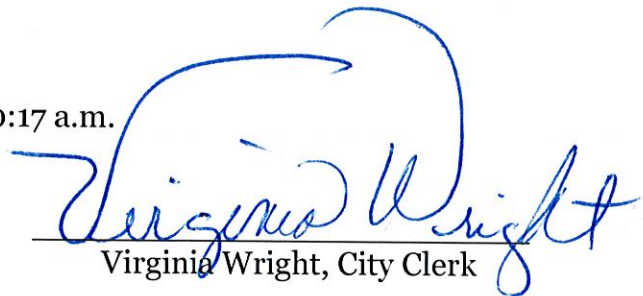
Dr. Wingo concurred that both Mr. Bonner and Mr. Kutney have done very well in previous interviews; they are very professional.

Dr. Wingo informed City Clerk Wright that she would send a formal email to her with the top three (3) candidates that were selected by the panel. Mr. Bressner noted that two (2) candidates did not meet the requirements to qualify for the position.

ADJOURNMENT

The teleconferencing meeting adjourned at 10:17 a.m.


Attest: Bill Geiger, Acting City Manager


Virginia Wright, City Clerk