

# M I N U T E S

ADMINISTRATIVE WORKSHOP  
SOUTH PASADENA, FLORIDA

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 2024  
COMMISSION CHAMBERS - 9:10 A.M.

Vice Mayor Neidinger called the meeting to order at 9:10 A.M. immediately following the Agenda Meeting and dispensed with opening formalities.

ROLL CALL: COMMISSIONERS BEN THOMAS, LYNDIA THOMPSON, THOMAS REID, AND VICE MAYOR GAIL NEIDINGER. ABSENT: MAYOR ARTHUR PENNY. ALSO PRESENT: CITY CLERK CARLEY LEWIS, CITY ATTORNEY JULIA MANDELL, FINANCE DIRECTOR JAMES GRAHAM, PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR SHAWN SHIMKO, COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT DIRECTOR TERESA SULLIVAN, DEPUTY FIRE CHIEF MATTHEW WIRTH, AND DEPUTY CITY CLERK MARY JO BOWMAN.

The topics scheduled for discussion were City Audit Presentation with Peter Schatzel of Wells, Houser & Schatzel, P.A., Auditor Selection Committee Recommendation to Select Marcum LLP for Independent Auditing Services, and Creation of the Pinellas County Metropolitan Planning Organization.

The first topic for discussion was the City Audit Presentation with Peter Schatzel of Wells, Houser & Schatzel, P.A.

City Clerk Lewis informed the Commission that Peter Schatzel of Wells, Houser & Schatzel, P.A., is ill and has asked to reschedule the audit presentation. She noted that the item has been tentatively rescheduled for the next Administrative Workshop on September 17<sup>th</sup>.

Vice Mayor Neidinger suspended the rules of procedure to take the agenda items out of order and invited Deputy Fire Chief Matthew Wirth to introduce himself to the City Commission.

Deputy Chief Wirth introduced himself to the City Commission and spoke regarding his background in fire service.

The next topic for discussion was Auditor Selection Committee Recommendation to Select Marcum LLP for Independent Auditing Services.

Vice Mayor Neidinger spoke regarding the Auditor Selection Commission and distributed a handout (attached to Minutes as Exhibit A). She discussed the Committee's review process and

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reported that they ultimately agreed to recommend that the City select Marcum LLP.

Discussion ensued regarding the selection of an independent auditor.

The consensus of the Commission was to pursue the Auditor Selection Committee's recommendation to select Marcum LLP as the City's independent auditor. The Commission agreed to add an item to the September 9, 2024 Regular Commission Meeting agenda to issue a notice of intent to award the contract to Marcum LLP and to authorize the City Attorney to enter into contract negotiations with their firm.

The next topic for discussion was the Creation of the Pinellas County Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO).

City Clerk Lewis spoke regarding the establishment of the Pinellas County Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO). She explained that Forward Pinellas and Pinellas County are working with the Governor's office regarding the reorganization of the MPO. She noted that some of the changes are in the City's favor with regard to local representation. She informed the Commission that Pinellas County is requesting the approval of local municipalities to establish Forward Pinellas as the MPO.

There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 9:18 A.M.

*Arthur Penny*

Arthur Penny, Mayor

ATTEST:

*Carley Lewis*

Carley Lewis, City Clerk  
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