

**TOWN OF DAVIE  
SPECIAL MEETING ON ELECTIONS  
JANUARY 9, 2013**

**1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The meeting was called to order at 12:10 p.m. and was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

**2. ROLL CALL**

Present at the meeting were Mayor Paul, and Councilmembers Caletka, Hattan and Starkey. Vice-Mayor Luis was absent. Also present were Town Attorney Rayson and Town Clerk Muniz recording the meeting.

**3. ELECTIONS**

Mayor Paul wanted to discuss using mail-in ballots for the ballot questions in March. Councilmember Caletka acknowledged that a mail-in ballot resulted in better voter participation, and noted that the mail-in could be tracked online.

Mr. Muniz stated using mail-in ballots would cost approximately \$95,000, \$20,000 to \$25,000 less than an in-person election.

Councilmember Caletka pointed out that a mail-in gave the Supervisor of Elections the opportunity to purge the voter list based on undeliverable ballots.

Councilmember Starkey made a motion to use mail-in ballots for the ballot questions in March and to investigate using Davie Town Hall for a drop-off site.

Council took a brief recess for Mr. Muniz to contact the Supervisor of Elections office.

Councilmember Starkey made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Hattan to excuse Vice-Mayor Luis's absence. In a voice vote, with Vice-Mayor Luis absent, all voted in favor. (Motion carried 4-0)

Councilmember Caletka seconded Councilmember Starkey's motion to have to do a mail-in ballot with the caveat of having a drop off point at town hall. In a voice vote, with Vice-Mayor Luis absent, all voted in favor. (Motion carried 4-0)

Councilmember Starkey made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Caletka to reconsider the resolution and ballot questions Council had approved at their last meeting. In a voice vote, with Vice-Mayor Luis absent, all voted in favor. (Motion carried 4-0)

Councilmember Starkey made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Hattan to approve ballot questions 1 through 9. In a voice vote, with Vice-Mayor Luis absent, all voted in favor. (Motion carried 4-0)

Mr. Rayson explained that a new law stated that Broward County municipalities may extend or reduce terms of office of existing elected officials for a period up to eight months in order to implement any change in the month in which elections would be held. Mr. Rayson had drafted ballot initiative language for question 10 to retain staggered terms but to allow four-year elections commencing in 2016. The Mayor and District 1 Councilmember would run in November 2018 for four-year terms. This would result in all Councilmembers' terms being increased by eight months. Alternate language for the ballot initiative allowed elections in November instead of March, four-year Councilmember terms instead of three and for all Councilmembers to be elected together. This would have to take place in November 2018, per the new law. This would result in the Mayor and District 1 Councilmember having an additional eight months on their terms, but would reduce the 2016 terms for Districts 2, 3 and 4 by four months. Mr. Rayson said the second alternative offered the Town greater cost savings.

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Councilmember Caletka made a motion, seconded by Mayor Paul to approve the alternate language for ballot initiative 10. In a voice vote, with Vice-Mayor Luis absent and Councilmember Starkey dissenting, all voted in favor. (Motion carried 3-1)

Councilmember Starkey made a motion, seconded by Mayor Paul to approve ballot initiative 11. In a voice vote, with Vice-Mayor Luis absent and Councilmember Caletka dissenting, all voted in favor. (Motion carried 3-1)

Councilmember Hattan made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Caletka to approve ballot initiative 12.

Budget and Finance Director Bill Ackerman explained that anything less than \$1,000 would be handled administratively; it would not come back to Council for approval. Mr. Rayson clarified that anything over \$5,000 must be brought back to Council for approval.

In a voice vote, with Vice-Mayor Luis absent and Councilmember Starkey dissenting, all voted in favor. (Motion carried 3-1)

Councilmember Hattan made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Starkey to authorize funds to educate the public regarding the referendum questions, not to exceed \$5,000. In a voice vote, with Vice-Mayor Luis absent and Councilmember Caletka dissenting, all voted in favor. (Motion carried 3-1)

**4. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to discuss and no objections, the meeting was adjourned at 12:51 p.m.

Approved \_\_\_\_\_

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Mayor/Councilmember

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Town Clerk