



# TOWN COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

**THURSDAY, MAY 28, 2015 – 10:00 A.M.  
PIERSON TOWN HALL**

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## **1. Call meeting to order**

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Chairman Samuel G.S. Bennett called the meeting to order at 2:00 PM and asked Town Clerk Spelorzi to take the roll call.

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## **2. Roll call**

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### **PRESENT:**

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Chairman Samuel G.S. Bennett

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Vice Chairman James Peterson

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Councilmember Herbert Bennett

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Councilmember Robert Greenlund

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Councilmember Thomas R. Larrivee

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Mayor James Sowell – Excused Absent

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## **3. Invocation and pledge of allegiance**

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Chairman James Peterson gave the invocation, which was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

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## **4. INTERVIEW, RECOMMEND AND HIRE A TOWN ATTORNEY - Chairman Samuel G.S. Bennett**

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Chair Bennett stated to let the record show that Mayor Sowell is out of Town and that this is a special meeting. Chair Bennett asked Mr. Andrew Hand, representative from Shepard, Smith & Cassady to introduce himself.

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Mr. Wade Vose from Vose Law Firm inquired if he should step outside as a courtesy until he got called. The Council agreed.

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### INVITED TO INTERVIEW:

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A: Andrew J Hand

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Shepard, Smith & Cassady P.A.

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2300 Maitland Center Pkwy, Maitland, FL 32751

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(407) 622-1772 (407) 622-1884

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[ahand@shepardfirm.com](mailto:ahand@shepardfirm.com)

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Mr. Hand introduced himself and the firm he is representing. Mr. Hand gave a history of his firm's accomplishments and which other Municipalities they are working with.

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The Council inquired if

- 45 • Mr. Hand will be available to attend the Town Meetings every 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday,  
46 • Who would be assigned to represent the Town, if hired? Mr. Hand stated that would  
47 either be himself or his business partner.  
48 • If Mr. Hand knows the former City Attorney, which he did.  
49 • His company had any experience with Charter Reviews and Commissions – yes.

50 Mr. Hand addressed all of the Council’s questions and thanked them for their time.

51 Hearing no further questions or comments, Chair Bennett ended the interview at 10:30 A.M.  
52 and asked Mr. Vose to come back into the room and to introduce himself.

53 B: Wade C Vose Vose Law Firm LLP  
54 324 W Morse Boulevard, Winter Park, FL 32789  
55 (407) 645-3735 (407) 628-5670  
56 wvose@voselaw.com

57 Mr. Vose introduced himself and the firm he is representing. Mr. Vose gave a history of his  
58 firm’s accomplishments and which other Municipalities they are working with.

59 The Council inquired

- 60 • Who would be the main attorney for the Town? Mr. Vose stated that they have several  
61 attorneys who are specialized in certain fields, but that he would be the main attorney  
62 for the Town  
63 • If the Attorney would be available to the Council at any time – yes, suggested starting  
64 with Hourly rate and convert to a fixed rate at later time.

65 Mr. Vose summarized that he and his team will be there for the Town to make sure their  
66 legal needs are being addressed and to be proactive problem solvers. He continued that they  
67 also have experience working with Charters.

68 Hearing no further questions or comments, Chair Bennett closed the interview at 11:00 A.M.

69 Discussion ensued that it is diligent to have an attorney on staff before proceeding with the  
70 Charter Review process.

71 The Council discussed the information they just received and Chair Bennett ask for a motion.

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73 **Councilmember Robert Greenlund made the motion to recommend hiring Vose Law**  
74 **Firm LLP and to make this an agenda item for final approval at the next regular**  
75 **Council meeting; seconded by Councilmember Tom Larrivee. All agreed; motion**  
76 **carries on roll call vote 5-0 as the Mayor was excused absent.**  
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78 **5. OTHER BUSINESS**

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82 **6. ADJOURNED**

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84 **Hearing no further business, meeting adjourned at 11:21 AM**

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Minutes prepared by:

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Carmen M. Spelorzi

Minutes approved by:

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Samuel G.S. Bennett, Chairman