

CITY COMMISSION WORKSHOP MEETING
MAY 11, 2022
5:30 P.M.

ELECTED OFFICIALS PRESENT IN CHAMBERS:

Shirley Groover Bryant, Mayor
Tambra Varnadore, Vice Mayor, Commissioner, Ward 2
Tamara Cornwell, Commissioner-at-Large 2 (entered at 5:33 p.m.)
Sheldon Jones, Commissioner-at-Large 1
Harold Smith, Commissioner, Ward 1 (entered at 5:31 p.m.)
Brian Williams, Commissioner, Ward 3

STAFF PRESENT IN CHAMBERS:

Mark Barnebey, City Attorney
Xavier Colon, Interim CRA Director
Cheryl Miller, Finance Director
Moe Rayan, Public Works Director
Scott Tyler, Chief of Police
Penny Johnston, Executive Assistant

OTHER APPOINTED BOARD MEMBERS IN CHAMBERS:

Lynn Daniel, CRA Advisory Board
Jon Moore, Planning & Zoning Board

Mayor Bryant opened the workshop at 5:30 p.m. and introduced Dr. Scott Paine.

1. Speaker-Dr. Scott Paine, Florida League of Cities

Dr. Paine spoke about effective commission and council techniques. He spoke about the way public office lives may be different from our private lives. He addressed different personality types, each with strengths and weaknesses, but ultimately, the goal is to accomplish good things. Presentation and discussions continued regarding issues such as the role as a public official, running an effective meeting, and managing public participation. Dr. Paine talked about the roles of key staff positions and referred to the value of the press, and the value of employees.

Dr. Paine quoted "politics is the art of the possible." Board members were chosen in order to get things done. He encouraged the listeners to do what you can do. Don't get stuck on the things you cannot do. He finished by asking the audience / board members to remember why you chose to enter public service.

Dr. Paine ended his presentation at 7:33 p.m.

MINUTES APPROVED: MAY 23, 2022

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