

SUMMARY MINUTES
Special City Commission Meeting
Tuesday, December 20, 2005, 6:00 p.m.
City of Sunny Isles Beach, Florida

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AGENDA

1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Edelcup at 6:02 p.m., with the following officials present:

Mayor Norman S. Edelcup
Vice Mayor Roslyn Brezin
Commissioner Gerry Goodman
Commissioner Danny Iglesias
Commissioner Lewis J. Thaler

Interim City Manager Fred Maas
City Attorney Hans Ottinot
Deputy City Clerk Priscilla Walker

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/INVOCATION

Action: Mayor Edelcup's cousin Phyllis Locker led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag, and Richard C. Schulman gave an invocation.

3. WELCOME BY MAYOR NORMAN S. EDELCUP

Action: Mayor Edelcup gave opening remarks.

4. NOMINATION FOR CITY MANAGER'S POSITION

Action: Mayor Edelcup reported noting that the City had a Selection Committee chaired by Senator Gwen Margolis and members included City Attorney Hans Ottinot, Mary Ann Eicke-Shaw, Gary Brown the City Manager of North Miami Beach, and Bud Scholl. Mayor Edelcup thanked the members for a very good and thorough job. He said that over 30 people applied for the position and the Committee narrowed it down to three people, and that each Commissioner had an opportunity to meet with each of the three people.

Mayor Edelcup nominated Anthony "John" Szerlag as our new City Manager. He said that Mr. Szerlag has been the City Manager of Troy, Michigan for the last six years and prior to that he was the Assistant City Manager in Troy for the previous ten years. He noted that Troy has a population of approximately 85,000 people with 34 square miles. Mayor Edelcup also noted that prior to him being with the City of Troy, he was the City Manager of Howell, Michigan with a population of about 9,000, so that he has had experience with a large city as well as with a small city.

Mayor Edelcup said that the Commission has been furnished with a copy of an outline of an employment agreement and asked for the authority to complete that employment agreement in accordance to the terms that are on that agreement and if anything should change, he would

come back to the Commission. He said that the Commission will ratify the agreement at the January 19, 2006 City Commission meeting at which time Mr. Szerlag will be here. He said Mr. Szerlag's availability to start will be sometime in mid-March which would give him time to give notice to the City of Troy, Michigan and give them an opportunity to find a replacement for him, and to relocate in this area.

Commissioner Thaler said that John Szerlag is very well liked in Troy, Michigan, and that they were very unhappy that he was looking for another position.

Public Speakers: Colin Baenziger;

Mayor Edelcup thanked Colin Baenziger and his firm noting that the City hired them for the search and to help with the Selection Committee. Mr. Baenziger noted that he received a call from a friend in Michigan who is a City Manager, and his comment was that the City has hit a "grand slam" with John.

Commissioner Iglesias said that he feels that Mr. Szerlag will jump in with a very little learning curve. Commissioner Iglesias said he was impressed with the questions that Mr. Szerlag asked him, and that Mr. Szerlag is a people person. Vice Mayor Brezin agreed with Commissioner Iglesias and said that she feels he will have a good relationship with staff, Commission and our constituents. Commissioner Goodman said he has read Mr. Szerlag's background and he has done an excellent job in Michigan, and in leaving a large city for a smaller city he would have a more hands-on opportunity here. Commissioner Goodman thanked the Committee.

4. RESOLUTIONS

- 4A. A Resolution of the City Commission of the City of Sunny Isles Beach, Florida, Authorizing the Mayor to Negotiate and Execute an Agreement with Anthony John Szerlag for the Position of City Manager of the City of Sunny Isles Beach, Provided Said Agreement is Approved as to Form and Legal Sufficiency by the City Attorney and Ratified by the City Commission at the Next Commission Meeting; Further Providing the Mayor and the City Attorney with the Authority to Do All Things Necessary to Effectuate This Resolution; Providing for an Effective Date.

Action: Deputy City Clerk Walker read the title and Mayor Edelcup reported noting that Mr. Szerlag will be here on January 19, 2006.

Vice Mayor Brezin moved and Commissioner Goodman seconded a **motion to approve the resolution. Resolution No. 2005-875 was adopted by a voice vote of 5-0 in favor.**

5. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Thaler moved and Commissioner Iglesias seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting, and Mayor Edelcup adjourned it at 6:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

Approved by the City Commission on Jan. 19, 2006

Jane A. Hines, City Clerk

Norman S. Edelcup, Mayor