**MINUTES**
**City of Cocoa**
**City Manager Candidate Meetings**

**July 14, 2020**

City Manager Candidate Meetings were held on Tuesday, July 14, 2020, in Cocoa City Hall, in City Council Chambers, located at 65 Stone Street, in Cocoa, Florida, 32922, as publicly noticed.

I. **Opening Matters:**

Mayor Williams called the meeting to order at 5:34 p.m.

Chief Lamm provided the invocation and Deputy Mayor Goins led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

The City Clerk took the roll.

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| PRESENT: | Jake Williams, Jr. | Mayor |
| | James Goins | Deputy Mayor |
| | Don Boisvert | Councilmember |
| | Lorraine Koss | Councilmember |
| | Brenda Warner | Councilmember (arrived at 5:49 p.m.) |
| | Anthony Garganese | City Attorney |
| | Matt Fuhrer | Interim City Manager |
| | Carie Shealy | City Clerk |

OTHER STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Lorne Stinnett, Human Resources Manager; Jack Walsh, Utilities Director; Michael Cantaloupe, Chief of Police; Jonathan Lamm, Fire Chief; Bryant Smith, Public Works Director; Nancy Bunt, Community Services Director; Jason McCuen, Helpdesk Support Tech; and Rob Beach, Chief Technology Officer.

Mayor Williams explained the procedure of the meeting. Each member of City Council asked the same question of each candidate. Each candidate was present via GotoMeeting and/or the telephone.

The following questions were asked of each candidate:

Mayor Williams asked each candidate to take a second and explain your interest in Cocoa.

Deputy Mayor Goins: What is your ideal plan to spark growth and development in our most impoverished areas without displacing the current residents?

Councilmember Warner: How do you vision day #1, your first day, and what would be your plan for meeting and starting your relationship with your staff?

Councilmember Warner: Based on your knowledge of the City of Cocoa, what is your biggest concern about coming to work here? *(This question was asked only to Ms. Gardner, as Councilmember Warner was not aware the same question was being asked of all candidates)*

Councilmember Boisvert: What strengths do you bring that will contribute to meeting the expectations of this position?

Councilmember Koss: Do you have an example of where you have had to be courageous or advise/push your counsel to do the right thing or get something done?

Mayor Williams: What do you feel is the difference between a good manager and a good leader?

1. James Drumm began at 5:37 p.m. Ended at 6:10 p.m.
2. Caryn Gardner-Young, began at 6:13 p.m. Ended at 6:37 p.m.
3. James Gleason, began at 7:02 p.m. Ended at 7:25 p.m.

Mayor Williams thanked each candidate for taking the time to speak with them.

## II. ADJOURNMENT.

The meeting ended at 7:26 p.m.

**Jake Williams, Jr., Mayor**

**ATTEST:**

**Carie Shealy, MMC, City Clerk**

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