



**VILLAGE OF EL PORTAL
VILLAGE COUNCIL
SPECIAL ADMINISTRATION & FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING
MINUTES
Saturday, July 15, 2017
10:00 AM**

A. **CALL TO ORDER:** Chairperson Mathis Jr. called the Administration & Finance committee meeting to order at 10:43AM.

B. **MOMENT OF SILENT MEDITATION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Chairperson asked the moment of silent meditation & the pledge of allegiance.

C. **ROLL CALL:** Chairperson Roll Called as follows;

Present: Councilperson Harold E. Mathis, Jr., Chairperson
Mayor Claudia V. Cubillos, Vice Chair
Councilperson Vimari Roman, Member

Also present: David Rosemond, Village Manager
Joseph Geller, Village Attorney
Vice Mayor Nickerson
Councilperson Dreher

Not present: Yenise Jacobi, Village Clerk

D. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** The Chair asked for any additions or amendments to the Agenda. Councilperson Roman asked to add two minutes regarding the statement regarding not everyone pulling their weight. Chair asked for agenda approval with additions. Mayor Cubillos motioned, and Councilperson Roman second. The motion carried unanimously.

E. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** None noted.

F. **GOOD & WELFARE:**

F1. Mayor Cubillos stated that she had been advised by her attorney to read on to the record a threatening email to her life & her husband life. She proceeded to read the email to the record reference letter received yesterday July 14th at 1:51pm from Martha Caballero. Mayor Cubillos read the response of David Rosemond, Village Manager he stated in his emails that he doesn't have any of the reference or better yet knowledge of any of those allegations to be true.

Note: Chairperson Mathis, Jr. adjourns the meeting momentarily.

Meeting was called back to order at 10:55am, awaiting the arrival of the Attorney Joseph Geller on how to move forward after this email has been read.

F2. Attorney Geller said it was up to the discretion if they would want to continue with the Special Administration & Finance meeting due to the fact that these allegations have to do with what is happening with this meeting.

F3. Mayor Cubillos stated that her evaluation should not come as no surprise to the manager that the manager and she have met several times. They have discussed numerous times at length many of the points that are in the evaluation.

F4. Chairperson Council Mathis, Jr. said he was in shock and to him two councilmembers were mentioned on the letter and they are sitting in the committee he states he can't go forward with the meeting today.

F5. Attorney Geller states that he neglected that he noted that there is a reference to a Boricua estúpida as there could be someone else on the council and recommends whomever that may be they should also seek private council, even if you were mentioned here by implication it is not a bad idea to seek private council to know their personal legal rights. I neglected that and wanted to make it clear. This is a public record. In the absence of the clerk I ask the manager to make copies of all this and distribute to all the council members that are present.

F6. Manager David Rosemond, stated that when the Mayor called him and forward the message he was deeply trouble what appears to be an email on his defense it places him right in front of the middle of the situation. He doesn't know who this person is and doesn't know anyone who fits the description. It concerns him that he get pulled into this situation and made part of something that he has never been involved him. He has shared with everyone how he feels and the commitment he has to the job. He stated that he had written to each of the council members individually regarding his commitment to his position and that he will do anything possible to get to the bottom of this. He didn't know that was going to be a part of the meeting he is grateful that he is present to face any questions or concerns anyone may have to reaffirm that he doesn't know anything regarding this and he considers it a very serious matter.

F7. Attorney Geller states that he read it again and he doesn't see a second councilmember being mentioned.

F8. Councilperson Roman, states that Boricua Estúpida is possibly referenced to her. She states that this is difficult for her that she feels that this is business that needs to go on that she is in shock and she thought this was going to be a strategic discussion and reviewing the performance of our staff this is the first time she has ever encountered anything like this and she has review hundreds of staff in her 23 years in hospitality and never seen anything like this. My ego wants to say move on and let's get the business done by not moving forward with the performances will be giving in to the intend of the letter. The best decision would be to put it off for now. It is great that we are all present,

we still need to move forward regardless of what the email said we need to move on because we have to continue with our jobs. This is all nonsense that we are getting emails and threats, not allowing us to do our jobs. Again we shouldn't move forward today but schedule for another day continue.

F9. Mayor Cubillos I have no words.

Chairperson Mathis, Jr. made a motion to adjourn and will call the clerk to discuss future dates.

G. AGENDA ITEMS:

G1. Evaluations – Postponed.

H. GOOD & WELFARE: None noted.

I. ADJOURNMENT: Chair Mathis, Jr. called for a motion to adjourn the Administration & Finance committee meeting. Chairperson Mathis, Jr. made a motion and Mayor Cubillos seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 11:20 A.M.