



Village of El Portal Special Council Meeting

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Mayor Cubillos: Good evening everybody. We're going to go ahead and get this special council meeting to order. Today is Tuesday, January 22nd and it is 6:21 PM. If I can please have a moment of silent meditation followed by the pledge of allegiance.

[silence]

All Members: I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one Nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

Mayor Cubillos: Madam Clerk, may I please have roll call?

City Clerk Jacobi: Roll call. Mayor Cubillos.

Mayor Cubillos: Here.

City Clerk Jacobi: Vice Mayor Nickerson.

Vice Mayor Nickerson: Here.

City Clerk Jacobi: Councilperson Mathis.

Councilman Mathis: Present.

City Clerk Jacobi: Councilperson Roman is not here yet. Also, present for the record, Yenise Jacobi, Village Clerk, Norman Powell, Interim Village Attorney, Christia Alou, Village Manager.

Mayor Cubillos: Great, thank you. We have quorum. There is no approval of the minutes because this is a special council meeting. At this time is there anybody in Good and Welfare that would like to come up about this meeting and this resolution? This resolution is going to be about the upcoming special election. Hearing none, I'm going to bring it up back to the council. If I could please have the Attorney read the resolution into the record.

Attorney Norman Powell: A resolution of the village council of El Portal, Florida calling a special election and runoff election if necessary to fill the vacancy in council seat one for the unexpired term, authorizing the Miami-Dade County Canvassing Board to serve as canvassing board for the special election, approving an agreement with the Miami-Dade County Supervisor of Elections to conduct the election and to provide poll workers. Electing not to

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provide for early voting, providing for severability, providing for conflict resolutions, and providing an effective date. Introduced by Village Clerk, Yenise Jacobi.

Mayor Cubillos: For a little bit of more we need to give the dates. The qualifying dates will be from?

City Attorney Powell: That's in section three. The qualifying dates will begin noon, Monday, February 11th, 2019 and will end at noon, February 15th, 2019.

Mayor Cubillos: The special election will be when?

City Attorney Powell: Well, according to the Supervisor of Elections the date that they've agreed is April 2nd, 2019.

Mayor Cubillos: That's 7:00 to 7:00 here at the village of El Portal?

City Attorney Powell: Correct.

Mayor Cubillos: For those who don't know, we must have a special election whenever there is more than six months left in a vacancy, excuse me, more than six months left in the term we must have a special election. If there was less than six months then it can be appointed by the council. With that said, do I first have a motion to adopt the resolution 2019-- 001, I think, right?

City Clerk Jacobi: Yes.

Councilman Mathis: I move.

Mayor Cubillos: Motion has been made by Councilperson Mathis. Is there a second?

Vice Mayor Nickerson: Second.

Mayor Cubillos: It's second by Vice Mayor, Nickerson. Any discussion?

Councilman Mathis: I have a question. If we ought to have a runoff, what would that date be?

City Attorney Powell: It would have to be the following week.

Mayor Cubillos: April 16.

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City Attorney Powell: That's also--

Mayor Cubillos: It's on here.

City Attorney Powell: It'll be the following week if necessary. So it'll be the following--

Councilman Mathis: The 16th.

City Attorney Powell: The 16th. So we'll have to amend subsection six to make sure that that's correct.

Mayor Cubillos: I'm going to open up a public comment and just keep in mind that the dates are not chosen by us, they're given to us by the county based on time frame, notices, and everything that needs to be done that the clerk needs to notify. With that said, I'm going to close the special council meeting. Any public comments about this resolution? Hearing none I'm going to close special comments and open up back to the council. Anything else, Mr. Powell?

City Attorney Powell: I think it's also important to note that part of this resolution incorporates end of the estimates provided by the Supervisor of Elections. The stated estimates from the supervisor is that the special election is going to cost the village 15,590, but that does not also include the advertising requirements. Under the advertising requirements the village has to advertise at least twice in the next 10 days the special election, so that will also add to the cost of the overall special election process.

Mayor Cubillos: Thank you. Any other questions to the attorney or to the clerk from the council?

Council Member: No, ma'am.

Mayor Cubillos: Hearing none, Madam Clerk may I have roll call, please?

City Clerk Jacobi: Roll call, Councilperson, Mathis.

Councilman Mathis: Yes.

City Clerk Jacobi: Councilperson, Roman.

Councilwoman Roman: Yes.

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City Clerk Jacobi: Vice mayor, Nickerson.

Vice mayor Nickerson: Yes.

City Clerk Jacobi: Mayor Cubillos.

Mayor Cubillos: Yes.

City Clerk Jacobi: Motion passes four to none.

Mayor Cubillos: Great, thank you and just as a reminder again the qualifying dates are February 11th through February 15th and the special election is going to be April 2nd, here from 7:00 AM to 7:00 PM. Anybody interested you must call, Yenise Jacobi. Please, email or give her a call and she'll let you know exactly what you need to do. With that said, anybody in Good and Welfare? Hearing none may I have a motion to adjourn?

Councilman Mathis: I move.

Vice Mayor Nickerson: Second the motion.

Mayor Cubillos: A motion has been made by Councilperson, Mathis, second by Vice Mayor, Nickerson. All in favor signal by saying, aye.

All Members: Aye.

Mayor Cubillos: Any nays? Hearing none, the special council meeting adjourns at 6:27 PM. Thank you. We will start up at 6:30 for the next meeting.

[00:05:46] [END OF AUDIO]

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