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**CITY OF DELTONA, FLORIDA
CITY COMMISSION WORKSHOP MEETING
MONDAY, JUNE 9, 2014**

A Workshop Meeting of the Deltona City Commission was held on Monday, June 9, 2014 at the City Hall Commission Chambers, 2345 Providence Blvd. Deltona, Florida.

1. CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Mayor John Masiarczyk.

2. ROLL CALL:

Mayor	John Masiarczyk	Present
Vice Mayor	Heidi Herzberg	Present
Commissioner	Webster Barnaby	Present
Commissioner	Zenaida Denizac	Present
Commissioner	Fred Lowry	Present (6:24)
Commissioner	Chris Nabicht	Present
Commissioner	Nancy Schleicher	Present
City Manager	William D. Denny	Present
City Attorney	Becky Vose	Present
Administrative Assistant	Janet Day	Present

Also Present: Deputy City Manager Dale Baker; and VCSO Captain Dave Brannon.

3. PLEDGE TO THE FLAG:

The City Commission and staff said the pledge to the flag.

Mayor Masiarczyk opened and closed the meeting for public comment.

4. BUSINESS:

City Manager Dave Denny introduced the new Deltona Fire Chief Mark Rhame who gave a brief background of his employment history.

A. Discussion re: Charter question relating to Commission compensation.

Mayor Masiarczyk turned the meeting over to Vice Mayor Herzberg.

Vice Mayor Herzberg stated there was discussion regarding tying the Mayor and Commission compensation to a percentage of the Volusia County Council's and the School Board's compensation. She stated how compensation is currently calculated and that the Deltona Commission receives the lowest compensation of all of the Volusia Cities. She suggested still using the average of the sixteen (16) Volusia County cities and factor in for the Mayor the County Chair's compensation and for the Commission the County Council's compensation and the School Board's compensation.

Commissioner Denizac stated that the public wants to know a number and Mr. Denny provided the approximate compensation based on the three (3) options that were being discussed as follows:

1 Mayor receiving 50% of County Chair and Commission receiving 40% of County Council's Compensation
2 (Approximately): Mayor - \$24,200 Commission - \$16,100

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4 Average of 16 Volusia County cities and the Volusia County Chair/Councilmember's Compensation
5 (Approximately): Mayor - \$14,200 Commission - \$10,800

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7 Average of 16 Volusia County cities, the Volusia County Chair/Councilmember's Compensation and
8 School Board's Compensation (Approximately): Mayor - \$16,176 Commission - \$12,500

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10 Current Mayor's Compensation - \$12,011.50 Current Commission's Compensation - \$8,877.47

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12 The Commission discussed choosing a flat amount and not tying it to anything, if the Volusia County
13 Council's or the School Board's compensation changes then the Mayor and Commission's compensation
14 changes, the time frame for Charter changes, having a committee made up of citizens to decided what the
15 Mayor and Commission's compensation should be, the voters ultimately deciding based on what is placed
16 in the ballot question, the Commission receiving a 2% or 3% increase every year, setting the Commission's
17 compensation by ordinance and using the City of DeLand as a model, removing the ballot question if the
18 perception is that it will fail, the Commission not making minimum wage, it costing a Commissioner to be
19 a Commissioner, raising the compensation may attract a larger quantity of people to run for elected office,
20 the compensation of Daytona Beach's Commission who is the second largest City in Volusia County being
21 higher than Deltona's compensation, DeLand's Commission being compensated more than Deltona's
22 Commission, and using the average of the top six (6) or eight (8) cities with the largest population.

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24 Vice Mayor Herzberg asked Mr. Denny for the Commission compensation for the top cities with the largest
25 population and Mr. Denny replied the Mayor's compensation for Daytona Beach is \$27,500, DeLand is
26 \$15,106, Port Orange is \$18,600, Ormond Beach is \$14,559, and New Smyrna is \$21,212. Vice Mayor
27 Herzberg stated the average comes to \$18,319.

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29 Mayor Masiarczyk opened the meeting for public comment.

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31 Smiley Thurston, 608 Saxon Blvd., stated residents don't realize what Commissioners do; the idea
32 is to put Deltona on parity with the other major cities in Volusia County, a higher compensation
33 attracting more candidates for elected office and giving the residents more credit.

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35 Larry DeMatteo, 2501 Barry Drive, stated the Commission deserving higher compensation, some
36 things the Commission should not be reimbursed for, to stop saying Deltona is the biggest City in
37 Volusia County, and he suggested leaving the compensation question off the ballot because it is too
38 confusing and it does not state an actual amount.

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40 Alan Troop, 364 Wisteria Court, stated agreed with creating a committee made of residents to
41 determine the Commission's compensation, the City needing representation which the Commission
42 should not be personally paying for it, and the Commission deserving a higher compensation.

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44 Mayor Masiarczyk closed the meeting for public comment.

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46 Mayor Masiarczyk suggested leaving the current compensation process in place and add a dollar
47 amount which would cover the cost of events or tickets for events. He stated the simplest way
48 would be to put the top six (6) or eight (8) cities' Commission compensation and add the
49 supporting information.

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2 Commissioner Barnaby stated the Council on Aging is having its Celebrity Waiter Event on
3 Thursday, June 26th at 5:00 p.m. at Victoria Gardens. He stated he is one of the celebrity waiters
4 and he would like everyone to purchase a ticket from him for \$10.00.

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6 Commissioner Nabicht stated the there are two (2) options. Option one (1) is to remove the
7 compensation question from the ballot and option two (2) is do what the City of DeLand does and
8 have the Charter allow for an ordinance that would set the Commission's compensation by a
9 citizen committee. The ordinance would address how the committee meets, the committee would
10 make a recommendation and the Commission would adopt an ordinance based on that
11 recommendation.

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13 The Commission and staff discussed having the Charter Review Committee (CRC) address the
14 compensation issue and bring back to the Commission a recommendation, there not being enough
15 time to create a committee to address the compensation issue, and several of the CRC members
16 being appointed to other City boards.

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18 **After discussion, the Commission concurred to have staff design a “draft” ballot question for**
19 **the Commission to review at the next workshop which would make Commission**
20 **compensation set by ordinance, with similar language to DeLand’s ballot question.**

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22 **5. CITY MANAGER COMMENTS:** None

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24 **6. ADJOURNMENT:**

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26 There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 6:26 p.m.

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Joyce Raftery, CMC, City Clerk