



**City of Gulfport Florida**  
**Special City Council Meeting**  
Monday, January 5, 2009

City Hall

(Phase II Appointment of City Clerk)

2:00 p.m.

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**Minutes**

Mayor Michael J. Yakes announced the Special City Council Meeting for Monday, January 5, 2009, for the City of Gulfport is officially called to order.

Roll Call: Present were Vice-Mayor King, Councilmembers Robert E. "Bob" Worthington, Judy Ryerson, and Mayor Michael J. Yakes.

Councilmember Stull had an approved absence.

City Staff: Interim City Manager Jim O'Reilly, City Attorney Timothy P. Driscoll, Interim City Clerk Elaine Barclay.

**1. Appointment to the City Clerk Position**

Councilmember Worthington said all three of the applicants were intelligent and interesting people.

**A motion to moved on the appointment of Leslie DeMuth as City Clerk was made by Councilmember Worthington and seconded by Councilmember Ryerson.**

Vice-Mayor King said all three candidates were well qualified and the consensus of council was in agreement with this.

- 2. Resolution 2009-08** A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF GULFPORT, FLORIDA,  
APPOINTING **Leslie Demuth** AS CITY CLERK;  
PROVIDING FOR THE COMPENSATION OF THE CITY CLERK;  
AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Mr. Driscoll read Resolution 2009-08 in its entirety and advised Council to consider the entirety of Resolution 2009-08 when formulating the Resolution.

**A motion to move on Resolution 2009-08 as read by Mr. Driscoll was made by Councilmember Worthington and seconded by Councilmember Ryerson.**

Vice-Mayor King asked if they vote in favor of this resolution, they will inform Ms Demuth of their decision but it would not be ratified until the January 20, 2009 meeting, which since Ms. Demuth said she must give 30 day notice would mean she would not assume the Gulfport City Clerk's position until closer to the end of February.

Mr. Driscoll said this would have to be one of the items discussed during the negotiation process.

Vice-Mayor King asked if an agreement is reached could this be ratified prior to the Council meeting on January 20, 2009.

Mr. O'Reilly said Council could have a special meeting to expedite the ratification of Ms. Demuth's contract.

Mayor Yakes said Ms. Demuth did say she would need 30 days to make the transition. He advised since this is a Charter issue, the entire Council should be in attendance and the Public should have the opportunity to participate, therefore 7:00 pm would be a better time to have this ratification of contract meeting.

Councilmember Ryerson said one of the items she would want to be included in the contract is the City Clerk receives the same rights as far as the benefit package and accrual as a department head.

Councilmember Worthington wants it stated the City Clerk would be required to follow the same personnel rules and regulations as other employees.

Mayor Yakes said this contract was significantly important to Council.

Councilmember Ryerson said because of past confusion she would prefer to see some of the items in question spelled out.

Mayor Yakes opened for Public discussion on Ordinance 2009-08 and upon seeing nor hearing anyone wishing to speak, Mayor Yakes closed the Public discussion.

VOTE:

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| MS. RYERSON     | YES |
| MS. STULL       | YES |
| MR. WORTHINGTON | YES |
| MS. KING        | YES |
| MR. YAKES       | YES |

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Mayor Yakes asked when Ms. Demuth's contract could be brought back for ratification.

Mr. O'Reilly suggested Thursday January 8, 2009 at 7:00 pm.

The consensus of Council was in favor of this time.

**3. Adjournment.**

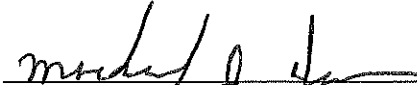
**A motion to adjourn was made by Councilmember Worthington and seconded by Councilmember Ryerson**

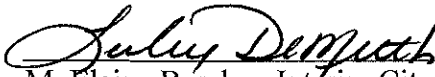
VOTE:

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| MS. RYERSON     | YES |
| MS. STULL       | YES |
| MR. WORTHINGTON | YES |
| MS. KING        | YES |
| MR. YAKES       | YES |

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2-3-09  
Date approved

  
Michael J. Yakes, Mayor

  
M. Elaine Barclay, Interim City Clerk  
*Lesley DeMuth*