

**Minutes**

The Meeting was called to order by Mayor Lynn Rives followed by a Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

Roll Call: Present were Councilmembers Rob Baldwin, Dick Crowl, Mitch Krach, Mary Schoonover and Stan Sofer; Vice Mayor Kathy Mortensen, Mayor Lynn Rives, City Manager Nancy G. McCollum, City Clerk Patricia A. Gentry and City Attorney Paul Marino.

Mayor Rives announced the swearing in of Councilmembers would be first, then presentations, followed by nominations and approval of Vice Mayor.

**1. Swearing In of Public Officials.**

City Clerk Gentry administered the Oath of Office to Councilmember Richard Crowl, Councilmember David Dumville and Councilmember Mitch Krach.

The newly elected officials took their places at the dais.

**2. Presentation of special recognition awards.**

Mayor Rives presented a special recognition award to Councilmember Mary Schoonover for her dedicated service to the City of Belleair Beach.

Ms. Schoonover stated how much she had enjoyed being on City Council, thanked Staff for making the job of Councilmember so much easier and thanked all of her fellow Councilmembers.

**3. Nomination and Approval of Vice Mayor.**

**Motion** was made by Councilmember Baldwin and seconded by Councilmember Crowl to nominate Councilmember Stan Sofer as Vice Mayor.

Councilmember Crowl asked if there was a restriction to the number of nominees.

City Attorney Marino advised there were no restrictions, Council sets the rules for nominations.

Councilmember Crowl proposed to implement a ballot system among Council and nominated Vice Mayor Mortensen for the ballot.

City Attorney Marino stated a ballot system could be used, provided the results were announced, and advised the appropriate thing at this point would be to determine if a second was attached to Councilmember Crowl's motion to also nominate Vice Mayor Mortensen.

Mayor Rives asked if there was a second to the motion.

Seeing none, Mayor Rives asked for further discussion. Seeing none, he asked for the roll call on the nomination of Councilmember Sofer.

**Motion carried 7-0.**

Mayor Rives announced that everyone would be going to the old City Hall for a 'ceremonial demolition'.

**Adjournment.**

**Motion** was made by Vice Mayor Sofer and seconded by Councilmember Baldwin to adjourn the meeting.

**Motion carried 7-0.**

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Date Approved

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_  
Lynn Rives, Mayor

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Patricia A. Gentry, City Clerk