

CITY OF WEST PALM BEACH
OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK
SPECIAL CITY COMMISSION MEETING
MARCH 27, 2008

The City Commission of the City of West Palm Beach met in special session on Thursday, March 27, 2008 at 2:52 p.m., at City Hall, with the following persons present:

Mayor Lois J. Frankel, President of the Commission William Moss, Commissioner Molly Douglas, Commissioner Geraldine Muoio Commissioner Isaac Robinson, Jr., City Administrator Edward Mitchell, City Attorney Claudia McKenna and City Clerk Blane Kauthen; Absent: Commissioner Kimberly Mitchell.

INVOCATION / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

The Mayor offered a moment of silence in honor of all the men and women serving overseas and Commissioner Moss led the Pledge of Allegiance.

CONSENT CALENDAR:

It was moved by Commissioner Robinson, seconded by Commissioner Muoio, to approve the following Consent Calendar:

1. **Resolution No. 157-08 declaring the results of the General Election held on March 11, 2008.**

and thereafter it was voted as follows: Ayes: Commissioners Douglas, Moss, Muoio and Robinson. Motion therefore carried unanimously.

OTHER BUSINESS:

2. **Administration of the Oath of Office to the newly-elected City Commissioners by the City Clerk – City Clerk Blane Kauthen administered the Oath of Office for the District 5 Commission seat to William Moss, and the District 1 Commission seat to Molly Douglas.**
3. **Election of the President of the Commission – It was moved by Commissioner Moss, seconded by Commissioner Douglas, to nominate Commissioner Geraldine Muoio to be President of the Commission for the upcoming year; and thereafter it was voted as follows: Ayes: Commissioners Douglas, Moss, Muoio and Robinson. Motion therefore carried unanimously.**

COMMENTS BY THE CITY COMMISSIONERS:

Commissioner Douglas [a] stated that she will continue her efforts regarding all the things she's been working on and add more; [b] noted that she will address the Construction Services Department, the water system and all the hard questions that may arise in the City; and [c] thanked the firefighters, the police officers, the realtors, Patriot Games, Inc. and everyone who worked with her the previous year.

Commissioner Moss [a] stated that it was a pleasure for him to serve as President of the Commission for a second term; [b] thanked the staff in the Commission Office, including Executive Assistant to the Commission Phyllis Brooks and Secretary Kim Bolton; [c] thanked the Commissioners for their service; [d] stated that he looks forward to serving the next couple of years and to keeping the City moving forward; [e] thanked Battalion Chief Dennis Withington, who retired March 27, 2008, for his service; [f] noted that Mr. Withington was the City's first fire medic; [g] commended the Fire Department for their exceptional service and for having the best response time in Palm Beach County; [h] asked that Mr. Withington be invited to the next City Commission Meeting to be recognized for his service; and [i] thanked everyone who helped him get re-elected.

Commissioner Muoio stated that [a] it is an honor for her to serve as President of the Commission; [b] stated that she wished there was a Commissioner representing District 3; and [c] she is looking forward to a great year.

Commissioner Robinson [a] read into the record a letter from Commissioner Mitchell congratulating the re-elected City Commissioners; [b] noted that he is entering his tenth year as a City Commissioner; and [c] congratulated the re-elected Commissioners.

COMMENTS BY THE MAYOR:

The Mayor [a] congratulated Commissioners Douglas and Moss for being re-elected; [b] welcomed Commissioner Muoio as the new President of the Commission; and [c] thanked the Commissioners for their service to the City.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 3:13 p.m.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

CITY CLERK

PRESIDING OFFICER