

MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING OF KISSIMMEE UTILITY AUTHORITY, HELD WEDNESDAY, MAY 8, 1996 AT 6:00 PM, BOARD ROOM, ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, 1701 W. CARROLL STREET, KISSIMMEE, FLORIDA

Present at the meeting were Chairman Gant, Vice-Chairman Walter, Secretary Lowenstein, Assistant Secretary Guthrie, Director Hord, Attorney Starr (sitting in for Attorney Brinson), President and General Manager Welsh, and Recording Secretary O'Rourke. Vice-Mayor Dorsett was absent.

A. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER at 6:00 p.m. by Vice-Chairman Walter.

Vice-Chairman Walter ran the meeting because Chairman Gant is the member of the Board to be replaced.

B. BOARD APPLICANT REVIEW

Mr. Welsh stated that there was only one applicant, Billy Ralston. The Board agreed for this evening that they would alter the procedure somewhat and keep it informal.

Mr. Ralston arrived at 6:10 p.m.

There was a brief recess between 6:10 p.m. and 6:18 p.m.

Mr. Ralston had applied two previous times to be a member on the KUA Board. Mr. Ralston responded to the questions from the Board and gave an insight into his background. He felt he was qualified and had considerable business experience to bring to the Board. He said he had a background in electrical engineering, working with computers, networking and telecommunications. He said he understood the duties of a Board member and that they set policy for the Utility. Presently Mr. Ralston is a member of the City of Kissimmee's Planning Advisory Board. He stated his term would end in about eight months, but would resign as soon as necessary. Mr. Ralston stated he was aware that this was for a five year term and that he would be available for day/night meetings. He stated he is seriously considering retiring from his full-time employment in August. Mr. Ralston stated he is concerned with the quality of life in the community and the environment.

Mr. Welsh commented that this vacancy is coming open October 1st and the primary reason for selecting someone at this time of the year is to get the confirmation by the City Commission and enable the nominee to sit in on the meetings, especially prior to the budget hearing in June.

Following a brief discussion, the members thanked him for his interest and time in wanting to serve on the Board, at which time Mr. Ralston departed.

A brief discussion followed on Mr. Ralston's qualifications and contributions. As a whole, the Board felt he was very qualified as a prospective member.

Director Lowenstein moved to nominate Billy Ralston for the upcoming position on the Board and present it to the City Commission. Seconded by Director Hord.

Motion carried 4 - 0

Director Lowenstein stated that in all fairness to Billy Ralston, Mr. Welsh should call him as soon as possible to advise him of the decision.

C. OTHER - No comments.

D. HEAR GENERAL MANAGER, ATTORNEY, DIRECTORS

GENERAL MANAGER

Mr. Welsh invited the Board and their families to the Annual Picnic on June 8th, 9:30 a.m.-8:00 p.m. at Water Mania with lunch served from 12:30-2:00 p.m.

Mr. Welsh reminded everyone that on May 9th we are going to have a Ribbon Cutting for our Warehouse at Cane Island. This will be an Open House for our employees from 2:00-4:00 p.m.

Mr. Welsh stated that the Advisory Board dinner is on May 9th hosted by the City Commission and will be held at the Civic Center at 6:30 p.m.

Mr. Welsh invited the Board to the dedication of Shelby Cox Park in Intercession City on May 11th at 11 a.m. This is a renaming and dedication of the existing park which our contractors were very instrumental in upgrading. One of our employees suggested the park be dedicated to Shelby Cox. This was then presented to the family, people in the community and County Commission who thought it was a good idea and proceeded to have the park named for the little girl who lost her life.

ATTORNEY - No comments.

DIRECTORS - No comments.

E. ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

ATTEST:


SECRETARY


CHAIRMAN