

# **TOWN OF LAUDERDALE-BY-THE-SEA SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES**

**Jarvis Hall  
4501 Ocean Drive  
Monday, January 26, 2009  
5:00 P.M.**

## **CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Roseann Minnet called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. Present were Vice Mayor Jerry McIntee, Commissioner Jim Silverstone, and Commissioner Stuart Dodd, Commissioner Birute Clottey. Also present were Town Manager Esther Colon, Town Attorney Daniel L. Abbott and Senior Office Specialist Nekisha Smith.

The purpose of this meeting was to discuss the decorum at the Town Commission meetings. The Commission found it difficult to tend to the business of the Town when there were many interruptions. They discussed the use of the Sergeant at Arms and the Chief of Police to remove unruly people from the room, the power of the Mayor to tighten up the meetings and the Roberts Rules of Order.

Attorney Abbott explained that if someone on the Dais felt that there was any improper behavior or is unruly he / she could motion for a "Point of Order". He added that it was a motion that could interrupt the current speaker, did not require a second, and appealed to the Mayor. Attorney Abbott said at that point the Mayor would either grant or deny the "Point of Order". He added that another Commissioner could appeal the Chair's decision should the Mayor deny the "Point of Order". He said the appeal required a second, was debatable and could be passed or rejected by the full Commission. He further explained that if the appeal passed the relief requested through the "Point of Order" would be upheld. Attorney Abbott explained further that a Commissioner was not exempt from Roberts Rules of Order and can be called to Order as well.

Mayor Minnet felt that the word for Roberts Rules was "respect". Commissioner Silverstone recommended "Breaking the Rules of Roberts Rules" as a tool. Commissioner Clottey was concerned with the negative interaction amongst the people in the audience. Attorney Abbott suggested direction to the Sergeant at Arms and / or the Chief of Police to have them removed.

Vice Mayor McIntee made a motion to adjourn. With no further business before the Town, Mayor Minnet closed the meeting at 5:42 p.m.

Town Commission Special Meeting Minutes  
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*Roseann Minnet*

Mayor Roseann Minnet

ATTEST:

*June White*

Town Clerk, June White

*2/12/09*

Date

