

**TOWN OF BAY HARBOR ISLANDS  
MINUTES OF A VIRTUAL SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING**

A Virtual Special Meeting of the Town Council was held on Thursday, August 26th, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. using video telephone communication through the zoom platform. Upon roll call the following members responded:

Mayor Stephanie Bruder	
Vice Mayor Joshua Fuller	Council Member Jordan Leonard
Council Member Kelly Reid	Council Member Isaac Salver
Council Member Elizabeth Tricoche	Council Member Robert Yaffe

**Item 1. Acceptance of the Certification of Elections presented by the Interim Town Clerk and Miami Dade County Supervisor of Elections.**

Interim Town Clerk Chang announced the Town General Elections' results. Vice Mayor Joshua Fuller and Council Member Elizabeth Tricoche were re-elected to office as Council Members.

**Item 2. Administration of oath of office to the newly elected Council Members Joshua D. Fuller and Elizabeth Tricoche. The oath of office was administered by Interim Town Clerk, Alba L. Chang.**

At this time Item #5 was taken out of order.

**Item 5. Discussion requested by Council Member Leonard regarding the recent change of the Ruth K. Broad Bay Harbor K-8 Center School Resource Officer (SRO) by the Miami Dade County Public School District.**

Council Member Leonard urged the Town Council support to keep Officer Paul Brilliant as the School Resource officer.

There was a brief discussion on the School district's discretion to fill that position at the Ruth K. Broad School; Miami-Dade County Public School was provided funding for the school resource officer by the State; and the suggestion to draft a resolution urging the school board to hire Officer Brilliant as the local school resource officer.

**Item 3. Consideration and Approval of an Inter Local Agreement with Miami-Dade County to allocate funds to local municipalities for eligible activities under the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act). Approval of the agreement is a pre-requisite for disbursement of funds.**

**ACTION:** Council Member Salver made a motion to approve the proposed Inter Local Agreement with Miami-Dade County. Council Member Tricoche seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

**Item 4. Discussion and selection of a new Town Manager. The three (3) Candidates for the Town Manager position are Ms. Kathie Brooks, Mr. Matthew Garside and Ms. Maria Lasday.**

Council Comments

Vice Mayor Fuller stated that she felt all the applicants were qualified for the position.

Kathie Brooks - He felt that she had a lot of local knowledge such as storm and contacts with the County; but he was concerned with local favoritism.

Matthew Garside- He was impressed with his military experience, but was concerned with his lack of experience with storms and hurricanes.

Maria Lasday- He felt that she had the preferred experience running a city/Town, but lack experience with storm and hurricanes.

Council Member Yaffe felt that all three candidates were well qualified. He had the following comments to report when the candidates were asked why they were leaving their respective cities: Kathie Brooks entered the DROP program and retired from the City of Miami Beach. Maria Lasday stated that she currently lived in Illinois and wants to move to Florida.

Council Member Tricoche felt that the selection of the finalists was great. She felt that Kathie Brooks email to the Council was unprofessional. She was impressed with Maria Lasday's qualifications, but was concerned that she would be too nice. She also added that candidate Matthew Garside experience in the military was an added bonus.

Council Member Leonard felt that Kathie Brooks had experience with local and county government, but had no experience as a City Manager. He also felt Mr. Garside 28 years of military experience was impressive. His final comments were a 'yes' vote for Maria Lasday.

Council Member Salver liked Mr. Garside military experience, but disliked that he could not come in for an in-person interview. His only concern and red flag was his 4 years with no job; but the candidate did clarify that it was to care for his parents. He further added that Maria Lasday and Kathie Brooks tied and he liked them both.

Mayor Bruder would have preferred an in-person interview with Mr. Garside versus zoom. She did like Ms. Brooks very much, but lacked experience as Manager. Lastly, her comments regarding Ms. Lasday were that she managed a similar city.

At this time Town Council took a straw vote for the Town Manager and selected Ms. Maria Lasday as the New Town Manager with a total of 5 council votes.

Consensus was for Mayor Bruder to negotiate a contract with Ms. Lasday.

There being no further business to discuss meeting was adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

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**MAYOR**

**ATTEST**

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**DEPUTY TOWN CLERK**