

City of New Ellenton  
Special Meeting of City Council  
City Hall Council Chambers  
Minutes

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Monday, February 9, 2009

**Welcome**

Mayor Vernon Dunbar welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 11:08 am.

**Invocation**

Terence Williams

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Roll Call for the Record**

Eartha Rodgers, Terence Williams, Vernon Dunbar, Debbie Maddox, Daniel Braswell

**Others Present**

City Clerk Vernel Sanders, City Administrator L.C. Greene, Donald Perry, Vicki Simmons, Trey Stephenson

Mayor Dunbar stated that the only discussion would be about filling the Police Chief's position and would enter Executive Session. Mayor Dunbar asked for any comments. Mr. Stephenson stated that he was in attendance as a citizen, not as an officer or trooper. Mr. Stephenson stated that he supports Alicia Parks stating that she has been there for a number of years and loyalty is an issue. Mr. Stephenson continued that he had spoken to several business owners, including Dicky Hiers, and they all support Officer Parks. Mr. Stephenson added that he was not speaking for them, but just relating his conversations with them and asked for due consideration. Councilman Braswell asked if Mr. Stephenson lives in New Ellenton. Mr. Stephenson affirmed and stated that he does not know if she even wants the job, but knowing her professionally, he wanted to pass that on. Councilman Braswell stated that the first decision would be the hiring process. Mr. Stephenson asked if the position would be posted. Councilman Braswell stated that the discussion would be how to post it.

**Executive Session**

Mayor Dunbar asked for a motion. *Motion to go to Executive Session to discuss personnel matters by Councilwoman Maddox, second by Councilman Braswell. All in favor. Approved.*

Mayor Dunbar stated that Council was back in the regular meeting. Mayor Dunbar stated that in Executive Session the method for hiring a new police chief had been discussed

and it was decided to promote from within. Mayor Dunbar has decided to offer the job to Captain Parks and that she has accepted at the proscribed salary. *Motion to hire Captain Parks as police chief by Councilwoman Rodgers, second by Councilwoman Maddox. All in favor. Approved.* Mayor Dunbar stated that the 90 day probationary period applied as it did to all new hires. City Administrator Greene asked to make a comment and stated that this was in accordance with the City of New Ellenton personnel policy and that Council was empowered to hire from within. Mayor Dunbar asked Captain Parks if she had anything to say for the record. Captain Parks stated that she is glad to be Chief and just wants to serve the citizens of New Ellenton to the best of her ability. Mayor Dunbar welcomed Chief Parks.

**Adjournment**

*Motion to adjourn by Councilwoman Rodgers, second by Councilman Braswell. All in favor. Approved.*