

**CITY OF ANNA MARIA  
SPECIAL COMMISSION MEETING  
NOVEMBER 10, 2005  
7:00 P.M.**

**CALL TO ORDER**

**PLEDGE TO THE FLAG**

**ROLL CALL:** Mayor SueLynn (Chair), Commissioner John Quam, Commissioner Dale Woodland, Commissioner Christine Tollette, Commissioner Duke Miller, Commissioner Linda Cramer

**Also present:** Deputy City Clerk Diane Percycoe

**Press:** Sun, Islander

Mayor SueLynn called the Meeting to order, indicating that she would serve as Chairperson until the Commissioners elected their Chairperson.

**1. SWEARING IN OF NEWLY ELECTED COMMISSIONERS**

Deputy City Clerk Diane Percycoe collectively swore in Commissioner Christine Tollette and Commissioner John Quam.

**2. APPOINT COMMISSION CHAIRPERSON AND DEPUTY COMMISSION CHAIRPERSON**

**MOTION:** Deputy Commission Chair Linda Cramer nominated Commission Chair John Quam for election as Chairperson for an additional term, seconded by Commissioner Duke Miller.

**Vote:** All Ayes. Motion carried unanimously.

Commission Chair John Quam accepted the nomination and following the vote, indicated that he would be honored to serve as Chairperson for the coming year and that he looked forward to the continued cooperation of his fellow Commissioners.

Commission Chair John Quam called for nominations for the position of Deputy Commission Chairperson.

**MOTION:** Commissioner Duke Miller nominated Commissioner Linda Cramer for election as Deputy Commission Chairperson, seconded by Commissioner Christine Tollette.

**Vote:** All Ayes. Motion carried unanimously.

Commission Chair John Quam congratulated Commissioner Cramer upon her re-election as Deputy Commission Chairperson.

### 3. BASIC RULES OF ORDER FOR MEETINGS

Chair Quam said that he would like to suggest that Public Comment "...be heard on each agenda item during regular or special meetings...[before a motion is made] and after Commission discussion of an agenda item during work sessions.

Chair John Quam reminded the Commissioners that the third Thursday of the month has again been set aside for such matters as special hearings on variances, or site plan reviews that would not be expected to fit into the time frame of a regular meeting

Mayor SueLynn asked for clarification relative to 'rebuttal' in Item #5, indicating that the language appeared to mean that each person that comments has the right for rebuttal if someone offers a differing opinion. **There was consensus to remove the words "right for rebuttal".**

The Mayor said that over the past year she had noticed that the speakers for Public Comment had not been timed consistently. **She recommended that each speaker from the public be timed for three minutes, at all meetings, including work sessions, and received consensus for this policy. The Mayor asked if the Commissioners wished to be timed for their allotted five minutes of comment, and Chair Quam received further consensus for this.**

Mayor SueLynn called for discussion of the term "Point of Order". She confirmed that according to Robert's Rules, it was not appropriate for "point of order" to be called by members of the audience, as had been done at times in the past. Mayor SueLynn indicated that on several occasions, members of the public had begun their comments with statements, usually derogatory, directed at herself. She said she had observed at past City of Anna Maria meetings that once a "Point of Order" had been called, the member of the public was usually invited to make the remainder of their comment, pertinent to the item being discussed. The Mayor recommended that when a "Point of Order" is called during a comment, the individual who made it should be asked to sit down, and that the Commission should not accept further comment from that person at that juncture in the meeting.

Commissioner Miller noted that technically, according to Robert's Rules, the Commission is not supposed to start discussion before a motion is on the floor. **He recommended leaving the rule for public comment the way it was before, and there was consensus to do so.**

Chair Quam recommended that when Commissioners offer comments during discussion, that they begin by stating their names, so that persons interested in listening to the tapes of the meetings are able to identify who is speaking.

Commissioner Woodland said, regarding earlier discussion of "Point of Order", that he would like to clarify whether or not a person's comment should be

forfeited only upon violation of the rule against personal attacks, or generally upon violation of any of Robert's Rules.

**Deputy City Clerk Diane Percycoe suggested that the rule relative to "Point of Order" be included under Item #2, and there was consensus for this. There was further consensus to have an individual forfeit his or her comment on an agenda item upon any violation of the pledge of conduct, by action or language.**

**MOTION: Deputy Commission Chair Linda Cramer moved to accept the basic rules of order for Commission meetings, as reviewed and discussed and revised at this evening's meeting, seconded by Commissioner Dale Woodland.**

**Vote: All Ayes. Motion carried.**

**4. CODE OF ETHICS – ELECTED OFFICIAL STATEMENT**

Commission Chair John Quam read the Code of Ethics with the assistance of Commissioners Tollette and Woodland. Deputy City Clerk Diane Percycoe collected a copy of the Code of Ethics receipt from each Commissioner, endorsed by his or her signature.

**5. LIAISON ASSIGNMENTS**

**Commission Chair John Quam - Island Players**

**Commissioner Duke Miller – Environmental Enhancement and Education Committee (EEEC), Anna Maria Island Chamber of Commerce**

Mayor SueLynn noted that Commissioner Miller's wife was on the EEEEC, **and there was consensus for the Mayor to verify with the City Attorney that there would be no conflict for the Commissioner to serve as liaison to this committee.**

**Deputy Commission Chair Linda Cramer – Anna Maria Historical Society**

**Commissioner Christine Tollette - Community Center**

There was discussion relative to Commissioner Tollette's membership on the AMICC Endowment Board. **The Mayor said she would verify with the City Attorney whether there were any conflicts with the Commission's recommendation for Commissioner Tollette for Commission liaison to the Anna Maria Island Community Center.**

**Commissioner Dale Woodland - CIAC**

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

None offered.

**PRESS COMMENT**

None offered.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION: Commissioner Duke Miller moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Deputy Commission Chair Linda Cramer.**

**Vote: All Ayes. Motion carried.**

The meeting adjourned at 7:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Alice Baird  
City Clerk

December 15<sup>th</sup>, 2005  
Date