

**CITY OF ANNA MARIA
CITY COMMISSION
SPECIAL MEETING
MAY 8, 2003
5:45 P.M.**

CALL TO ORDER

PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

ROLL CALL: Deputy Commission Chair Chuck Webb, Commissioner Duke Miller, Commissioner Tom Aposporos, Commissioner Linda Cramer (5:50)

Absent with excuse: Mayor SueLynn

Also present: Acting Mayor John Quam, City Attorney Jim Dye, Administrative Assistant AnnMarie Thorpe, Code Enforcement Officer Gerry Rathvon, Minutes Clerk Sylvie Reichmann

Press: Sun, Islander, Herald

1. APPROVAL OF ATTORNEY FOR CODE ENFORCEMENT BOARD

Code Enforcement Officer Gerry Rathvon said she had spoken with attorneys Gavin O'Brien and Susan Hartmann Swartz. She reported that Mr. O'Brien has since withdrawn his application. Code Enforcement Officer Rathvon said she thought Ms. Hartmann Swartz would be qualified and appropriate for the job. Deputy Commission Chair Chuck Webb asked about the attorney's fee. Ms. Rathvon said it is \$145/hr. Commissioner Tom Aposporos asked how the initial four candidates were selected by City Attorney Jim Dye for referral to Ms. Rathvon. City Attorney Dye said he had referred candidates that had extensive backgrounds in local government law. Code Enforcement Officer said she had contacted all four candidates but only heard back from two of them. Deputy Commission Chair Webb asked City Attorney Dye what the going rate for municipal attorneys was. City Attorney Dye said the range is from \$125 to \$165 per hour. Acting Mayor Quam asked when the attorney would be needed. Ms. Rathvon responded Monday of next week. Commissioner Tom Aposporos asked if the contract could be canceled at any time, depending on need. Commissioner Duke Miller confirmed with Code Enforcement Officer Rathvon that the contract would be a simple hourly agreement for the hearings scheduled.

MOTION: Commissioner Duke Miller moved to accept Susan Hartmann Swartz to represent the Code Enforcement Board, seconded by Commissioner Tom Aposporos.

Vote: All Ayes. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Commissioner Cramer moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Commissioner Miller seconded.

Vote: All Ayes. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 5:55 p.m.

MOTION: Commissioner Duke Miller moved to resume meeting for public comment, seconded by Commission Tom Aposporos.

Vote: All Ayes. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

A resident complained that Public Comment had not been called.

MOTION: Commissioner Duke Miller moved to close public comment, seconded by Commissioner Tom Aposporos.

Vote: All Ayes. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Vote: All Ayes. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 5:56 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Alice Baird
City Clerk

Date Approved: 6/26/03