



**CITY OF BELLE ISLE, FL**  
**CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL CALLED SESSION**  
Held in City Hall Chambers 1600 Nela Avenue

Tuesday, September 13, 2023 \* 6:30 pm  
**MINUTES**

Present was:

Nicholas Fouraker, Mayor  
District 1 Commissioner – Ed Gold  
District 2 Commissioner – Anthony Carugno  
District 4 Commissioner – Randy Holihan  
District 5 Commissioner – Beth Lowell  
District 6 Commissioner – Stan Smith  
District 7 Commissioner – Jim Partin

Absent was:

District 3 Commissioner – Karl Shuck

**1. Call to Order and Confirmation of Quorum**

Mayor Fouraker called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm, and the City Clerk confirmed the quorum. Also present were Interim City Manager Grimm, Attorney Mai, Public Works Director Phil Price, City Clerk Yolanda Quiceno, and Consultant Colin Baenziger.

**2. Invocation and Pledge to the Flag**

Comm Lowell gave the invocation and led the Pledge to the flag.

**3. Citizen's Comments**

Mayor Fouraker called for citizen comments.  
There being none, he closed citizen comments and opened for Council discussion.

**3. New Business**

a. Discussion and Selection of new City Manager: Poll Summary Spreadsheet

The Mayor opened for Council discussion.

Colin Baenziger spoke on the process for the selection of a new City Manager. Mr. Colin provided each Commissioner with two tally sheets. The first straw preference poll included the Council's two top choices out of the seven candidates.

Comm Gold said he would like to recommend selecting three candidates for consideration. After discussion, the Council consensus was to stay with the process recommended by Mr. Baenziger and choose two candidates.

Mr. Baenziger read the selections, and the City Clerk counted as follows,

Council Member	Carugno	Gold	Holihan	Lowell	Shuck	Smith	Partin	Total
Candidate								
Andrew Clark		X						1
David Johnson								
David Williams								
Don King	X					X		2
James Gleason								
Mark Rooney								
Matthew Coppler								
Paul Carlisle	X	X	X	X	X		X	6
Rick Rudometkin			X	X	X	X	X	5

After a brief Council discussion, Mr. Baenziger read the results of the final straw poll, and the City Clerk counted as follows,

Council Member	Carugno	Gold	Holihan	Lowell	Shuck	Smith	Partin	Total
Candidate								
Paul Carlisle	X	X	X	X				4
Rick Rudometkin					-	X	X	2

Mayor Fouraker called for a motion to appoint the next City Manager.

Comm Gold moved to direct the City Attorney, Colin Baenziger, and the Mayor to draft and negotiate a contract for Council approval and appoint Paul Carlisle subject to contract negotiations.

Comm Carugno seconded the motion, which passed unanimously upon roll call 6:0.

#### 4. Adjournment

With no further business, Mayor Fouraker called for a motion to adjourn.

The motion passed unanimously at 7:00 pm.