



**ISLAMORADA, VILLAGE OF ISLANDS
SPECIAL CALL VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION
CASE NO. 4:13-CV-10121**

**Administrative Center and Public Safety Headquarters
86800 Overseas Hwy, 3rd Floor Conference Room
Islamorada, Florida 33036**

**Thursday, February 5, 2015
3:00 PM**

Mayor Mike Forster called the meeting to order at 3:14PM. The following Council members were present on roll call: Mayor Mike Forster, Vice Mayor Deb Gillis; Councilmembers Jim Mooney, Chris Sante and Dennis Ward. Also in attendance were Village Attorney Roget V. Bryan, Special Counsel Jeff Hochman, Village Manager Maria T. Aguilar, Court Reporter Kathy Fegers, and Village Clerk Kelly Toth.

Mayor Forster made a request to the Village Attorney for advice on the following matter:

**PAUL E. BATES, et. al.,
Plaintiff**

v.

**ISLAMORADA, VILLAGE OF ISLANDS, a Florida Municipality,
Defendant**

Case No. 4:13-CV-10121

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT, SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA

Mayor Forster called for public comment.

Ms. Magda Bates stated Coconut Cove Resort is family owned and operated and requested Council's support and cooperation in the matter.

Mr. Paul Bates stated he had been waiting over a decade to finish the resort. He requested Council's help to finish his resort pointing out he has always hired local contractors and cares about the community. Mr. Bates requested Council direct staff to recognize Bed and Breakfasts and settle the lawsuit.

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Mayor Forster closed the open meeting at 3:17 PM and advised all those present that the Council was moving forward with a closed attorney/client session in accordance with Florida Statute 286.011. He estimated that the session would last approximately thirty minutes, with the following people in attendance:

- a. Mayor Mike Forster, Vice Mayor Deb Gillis and Councilmembers Jim Mooney, Chris Sante and Dennis Ward;
- b. Village Attorney Roget V. Bryan;
- c. Special Counsel Jeff Hochman; and
- d. Village Manager Maria T. Aguilar

Mayor Forster stated that the proceedings would be recorded by certified court reporter Kathy Fegers, and at the conclusion of all litigation discussed the transcript would be made part of the public record. Mayor Forster requested all individuals not named above leave the room and the attorney/client session commenced.

The attorney/client session concluded at 3:55 PM, at which time Mayor Forster reopened the public meeting and invited members of the general public back into the meeting room.

Village Attorney Roget Bryan requested, pursuant to Chapter 286, Florida Statute, another executive session in the case of Paul E. Bates, an individual and Coconut Cove Resort and Marina Inc. v. Islamorada, Village of Islands et. al., Case No. 4:13-CV-10121 in the United States District Court, Southern District of Florida.

Vice Mayor Deb Gillis offered a motion to adjourn; Councilman Chris Sante seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 3:56 PM.



Kelly S. Toth
Village Clerk

Approved by the Village Council this 12th day of February, 2015.

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