

MINUTES
OCOEE CITY COMMISSION
AUGUST 1, 2023
WORKSHOP

• **CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Johnson called the workshop to order at 5:00 PM in the Commission Chambers of City Hall. **City Clerk Sibbitt** called the roll and declared a quorum present.

Present: Mayor Johnson, Commissioner Kennedy, Commissioner Wilsen, Commissioner Firstner, Commissioner Hart

Also Present: City Manager Frank, City Attorney Cookson, and City Clerk Sibbitt

• **INTERVIEW OF CITY ATTORNEYS**

1. Fishback Dominick 5:00 p.m. – 5:20 p.m. local time

Rick Geller, Esq., and **Kurt Ardaman, Esq.,** *Fishback Dominick*, both provided brief bio's and years of experience in law, and highlighted their firm's experience. The importance of interpersonal relationships when representing a City was expressed as well as the current knowledge of the City of Ocoee's Charter. It was shared that their firm also worked in representing the City of Ocoee as Special Counsel in 2021. Additionally, the topic of conflicts was addressed due to their firm representing the neighboring City of Winter Garden.

The floor was opened for each member of the City Commission to ask questions. **Mr. Ardaman** addressed their questions.

2. Shepard, Smith, Kohlmyer & Hand, PA 5:20 p.m. – 5:40 p.m. local time

D. Andrew Smith, III, Esq., *Shepard, Smith, Kohlmyer & Hand, PA*, introduced himself and provided his years of experience in law, and highlighted their firms experience. He explained their firm's involvement in the communities they represent, and the importance of also having relationships with the residents. Additionally, the topic of conflicts was addressed due to their firm representing the neighboring City of Apopka.

The floor was opened for each member of the City Commission to ask questions. **Mr. Smith** addressed their questions.

City Attorney Cookson advised the City Commission that the approval for the selection of the city attorney firm will be made during the Regular City Commission Meeting following this workshop.

• **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 5:32 PM.

APPROVED:

Attest:



Melanie Sibbitt, City Clerk

City of Ocoee


Rusty Johnson, Mayor