

**MINUTES  
TOWN OF LAKE CLARKE SHORES  
CANDIDATE FORUM  
MARCH 6, 2017  
6:30 PM**

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Mayor Shalhoub stated that Charles Schoech, Town Attorney, will be moderating the Forum. He noted that Vice Mayor Mayes submitted his letter of resignation from the Town Council on Friday, March 3<sup>rd</sup> and that the Town Council will discuss their options on filling the vacancy during the Council Meeting that will take place after the Forum.

Prior to turning the meeting over to Mr. Schoech, Mayor Shalhoub noted that Council Member Lewis was unable to attend the Forum.

Mr. Schoech welcomed the residents to the Candidate Forum and explained that the following procedures would be adhered to:

1. Candidates will be allowed to speak for 5 minutes.
2. There will be a 5 minute break to give the audience time to write their questions on the public comment cards, which will then be given to the Town Clerk.
3. The questions from the comment cards will be read. No questions will be allowed from the floor.
4. Candidates will be given 2 minutes to respond to each of the written questions.
5. Common courtesy will be followed. Rudeness will not be tolerated.
6. Cell Phones must be turned off in the Council Chambers.

Mr. Schoech introduced the following candidate:

**GROUP 2: Paul R. Shalhoub**

Mr. Paul R. Shalhoub gave a short introduction on his qualifications and position on town issues.

Mr. Schoech called for a five minute recess to allow time for residents to complete the public comment cards. During the recess, Mr. Schoech reminded everybody that the election would be taking place on Tuesday, March 14<sup>th</sup> and encouraged everyone to vote.

Following the five minute recess, Mr. Shalhoub responded to the following questions and/or comments from the audience:

1. How do you feel about the septic/sewer issue?
2. What areas would you want to annex?
3. How would you encourage academic achievement for the many school aged children in town?
4. How do you think it would be possible to avoid violating the Sunshine Law while serving on the Council with a close family member?
5. Address the perceived risk of conflict or collusion between your father, the Mayor, and yourself.

After answering the questions and comments, Mr. Shalhoub made his closing remarks.

Mr. Schoech thanked Mr. Shalhoub for attending the Forum. He also thanked the residents for their attendance and participation in the forum.

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Mary Pinkerman, Town Clerk