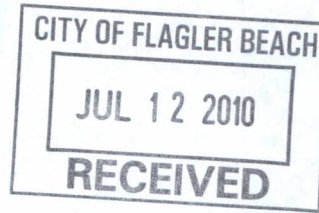


Commissioner Stephen M. Settle
279 Ocean Palm Drive
Flagler Beach, Florida 32136

July 9, 2010



The Honorable Alice M. Baker
City of Flagler Beach
105 South 2nd Street
Flagler Beach, Florida 32136

Dear Mayor Baker:

At the July 8, 2010 meeting of the Flagler Beach City Commission, Commissioner Jane Mealy charged one or more City Commissioners, myself specifically mentioned, as follows:

“We’re (City Commissioners are) not supposed to be ordering the City Manager or staff around, and I see too much of that from several of us (City Commissioners) happening.”

The aforementioned, alleged charges, if capable of substantiation, are violations of our City’s Charter, Section 2.05(c). Because such violations of our Charter, if substantiated, may constitute grounds for forfeiture of office, Section 2.06(b) of the City Charter, I cannot, and will not, allow the above referenced allegations to stand before the public, causing irreparable harm, without substantiation.

I am therefore demanding, in writing, the immediate delivery of an official City document: (1) fully substantiating these charges, or (2) containing a formal apology, signed by Commissioner Mealy. Further, if these unsubstantiated, hurtful allegations came to Commissioner Mealy through any third party(s), I demand that each such party be identified so that it can be clearly demonstrated to the public that these third parties are also incapable of substantiating these allegations to the degree supporting such damaging public utterances.

It is an unconscionable act to falsely charge any elected official with the breach of their sacred oath of office. Moreover, such conduct shakes the foundation of a democratic form of government by suggesting to voters that those in whom they have placed their trust are not worthy. Accordingly, I strongly suggest that it is in the City’s best interests to fully resolve this matter immediately.

Respectfully,

Commissioner Stephen M. Settle