

Right time for Mayor Oravec

We have some good folks in the quest to be mayor of the dynamic, growing city of Port St. Lucie. They offer good intentions and various backgrounds.

The economy is improving, and the city is ripe for improvement given some of our recent national recognition. We need to move forward, quickly seizing the opportunities that lie before us, confident that our elected body carefully investigates and properly vets all prospects.

There's no time to dwell on mistakes of the past — like Digital Domain; I share blame here. All cities make mistakes. We need to fix them with eyes to the future.

Time is of the essence, and I know from hands-on experience that it takes at least a year or more for some to really learn all the aspects and huge responsibilities of the office. Then we need to hope the people we elect possess good common sense and judgment.

Good judgment comes from experience; experience comes from making mistakes. Common sense is accountable to integrity and ability.

Knowing these ideals, in the selection for the next mayor, one star shines brightly above the rest: Greg Oravec.

He is one of the most honest men I have known in my 70 years. He will be ready and able to serve immediately, with no learning curve. He is a clever, smart, educated man whose only fault is not knowing when the stop working.

I worked with him for 10 years as councilman. Was he perfect? Certainly not, especially when he disagreed with me on the dais! However, I will be voting for him in the Aug. 26 primary.

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