

City Hall follies can cease

I've been an executive recruiter since 1981, having worked on over 1,000 searches for some of the leading companies in America.

When I work on a search, my client's board of directors develops a job description. I then identify potential candidates, reach out to them and determine their availability and interest in moving forward.

Port St. Lucie, as an operating corporate entity, has revenues of approximately \$548 million. If I were doing a search for the city, I'd look for a chairman of the board (aka mayor) with fiscal responsibility for \$400 million-plus and a proven track record of success with good business credentials.

When I look at our mayoral candidates, I ask myself who among them has had this responsibility. The answer? Not many. I see only Greg Oravec, who has not only done this job successfully for Port St. Lucie in the past, but has advised numerous other municipalities on their budgets. What does it say about this candidate when other cities and businesses have sought him out for his professional advice?

Look at our past when the electorate votes into office a candidate based on the number of road signs. We get candidates who never had similar fiscal or management experience; the city ends up in litigations due to professional ignorance, and "we" pick up the tab while our elected officials spend their days digging themselves out of legal holes instead of running our city.

We can elect a mayor who would be the envy of our surrounding communities, who would not be a lawbreaker but a consensus-builder.

You can do this by voting for Oravec, who would close down the City Hall circus, let the clowns hit the road and restore the city's fiscal condition while addressing all sectors of our population.