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Mayor Hudson,

I regret that my inefficiencies did not allow me to say "thank you" during the Thanksgiving Season but my New Year's resolution to do better is the reason for my e-mail today.

I want to commend you and the city council members for supporting a city manager whom I believe is doing an exceptional job and for your forward thinking and pro-active approach as it relates to leading the City of Fort Pierce. I can imagine that the path you have taken has not been easy, especially with the tight economy we've experienced over the past five years. This citizen is appreciative and commends you (all) for your efforts.

Eleven months ago I was contemplating the purchase of a piece of property on Seaway Drive and decided to pay a visit to City Hall to make inquiries and get a feel for the Fort Pierce community. I was impressed by the multi deck parking garage and the vacant office space which in my mind showed that someone had common sense to budget and plan for the future. I was impressed with the landscaping and cleanliness of City Hall which indicated to me that employees took pride in their work. At various departments, employees answered my questions with great efficiency and accuracy and they were cheerful and displayed skill, ability and knowledge along with a "can do" attitude. It was my visit to City Hall and positive experience that confirmed that I wanted to invest in the future of Fort Pierce and weeks later I officially became a City of Fort Pierce tax paying citizen.

I am proud to have recently paid my share of taxes to the City for the first time. I believe one gets what they pay for and I have received a lot since buying the residence at 1508 Seaway Drive. I am pleased that "our" tax dollars are being spent well and hope that the city employees are making a wage that is commensurate to their level of professionalism. I eagerly support a tax increase if "we" are falling short.

I hope you might join me in saying "thank you" for a job well done by ALL City employees. In recent months I have had the opportunity to work with employees at FPUA, the police department, the building department, the planning department,

solid waste, city engineering, and I regret if I've missed any others. My experiences with every employee has been positive (thank you Manager Bradshaw and department heads for your leadership). Names that stand out in my mind are; Alma, Michelle, Elizabeth, Kim and Danny at the building department. There were two other individuals there that I sincerely appreciate but for the life of me I can not remember their names. I am certain they know who I am referring to so to the unnamed, THANK YOU too! Cory and David in the Planning Department were great and Tracy Telle's service at the Engineering department exceeded expectations. I also found Chief Baldwin's officers to be professional, courteous and attentive. Kudos to them for their public safety service and for keeping the community safe. And a shout out to the employee(s) who strung Christmas lights around the traffic circles on Seaway Drive and those that collected all of the trash following the holidays. Please know this citizen is thankful and appreciative! To ALL of you I say thank you and I wish you each a Happy New Year and the very best in 2014!

Regards,

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On Sat, Feb 2, 2013 at 11:35 AM, Blades Robinson <bladesrobinson@gmail.com> wrote:
Mr. Bradshaw,

I wanted to relay my experience on Friday and commend you, your administrative staff and the city council members for the leadership that trickles down to employees and makes for a positive impression. Please share this correspondence with those who would benefit from my words below.

I am considering the purchase of a residential property on Seaway Drive and wanted to learn more about the positive and negative consequences of the C-5 zoning.

I am not a local resident but was pleased to see the infrastructure in place at City Hall and the adjacent parking garage, and noticed the planners had been proactive in anticipating future needs and growth. Kudos for budgeting and thinking ahead. As a potential (future) taxpayer I like knowing that those in charge are thinking ahead!

Inside City Hall I was greeted by a pleasant receptionist who correctly interpreted my needs and pointed me to the planning department upstairs. It was there that I met Cory Benton who was able to provide a lot of information and fully understood my concerns and questions. Cory was pleasant, knowledgeable, efficient, and was able to provide documents and information that will assist me with my purchase decision.

After leaving the planning department, I went to the building department to learn about the newly built Kiwi Condominiums. The staff there were as helpful as Cory and the receptionist and provided additional information in a prompt, pleasant and efficient manner.

The experience I had on Friday gave me a very good impression of Fort Pierce's city government and it will be a very positive consideration as I contemplate becoming a future Fort Pierce citizen.

Please join me in thanking these city employees for doing their jobs well and serving the public with the highest degree of professionalism.

Regards,

Blades Robinson