

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF FORT PIERCE, FLORIDA, HELD IN THE CITY HALL COMMISSION CHAMBERS, 100 NORTH U.S. #1, FORT PIERCE, FLORIDA, AT 6:30 P.M. ON MONDAY, JUNE 1, 2015.

1. **CALL TO ORDER** - Mayor Hudson called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.
2. **OPENING PRAYER** - Father John Leibler of St. Andrew's Episcopal Church offered the opening prayer.

3. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

4. **ROLL CALL**

Present: Mayor Linda Hudson; Commissioner Rufus Alexander; Commissioner Edward Becht; Commissioner Thomas Perona; Commissioner Reginald Sessions

Staff Present: City Clerk Linda Cox
City Manager Robert Bradshaw
City Attorney Robert Schwerer

- a. Swearing In of Diane Hogley-Burney, Chief of Police

City Clerk Linda Cox swore in Diane Hogley-Burney as the City of Fort Pierce's new Chief of Police.

5. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- a. Approval of Minutes from the May 18, 2015 meeting.

Motion was made by Commissioner Edward Becht, seconded by Commissioner Thomas Perona to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting on May 18, 2015.

AYE: Mayor Linda Hudson, Commissioner Rufus Alexander, Commissioner Edward Becht, Commissioner Thomas Perona, Commissioner Reginald Sessions

Passed

6. **PROCLAMATIONS**

- a. Mayor Hudson issued a Proclamation recognizing June 13, 2015 as National Marina Day. It was received by Dean Kubitschek, Marina Manager.

7. **LETTERS TO COMMISSION** - The following letter will be kept on file in the City Clerk's Office.

- a. Note of appreciation received by Dr. Irene Lyons commending Allison Martin and Caleta Scott, License Permit Clerks for their excellent service and guidance assisting her achieve her goal.

8. **COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC ON AGENDA ITEMS NOT REQUIRING PUBLIC HEARINGS**

Rev. John Lee - Consent Agenda item 9b.

9. **CONSENT AGENDA**

- a. Approval of an extension until June 16, 2016 of Development Plan and Conditional Use Approval for St. Lucie Court, 301 South Ocean Drive.
- b. Approval of travel expenses in the amount of \$1,259.01 for Commissioner Perona to attend the FMEA-FMPA Annual Conference being held July 21- 24, 2015 in West Palm Beach, Florida.
- c. Reduce code enforcement fines in the amount of \$47,790.00 against 1507 Florida Avenue owned by Asnel Pierre, 7502 Santa Clare Boulevard, Ft. Pierce, FL 34951 to \$600.00 payable in 60 days.
- d. Request change order to accomplish Phase II of construction for the Indian Hills Recreation Area.

Motion was made by Commissioner Edward Becht, seconded by Commissioner Rufus Alexander that the following items on the Consent Agenda be approved – **9a, 9c, 9d**. Commissioner Perona pulled item **9b** for discussion.

AYE: Mayor Linda Hudson, Commissioner Rufus Alexander, Commissioner Edward Becht, Commissioner Thomas Perona, Commissioner Reginald Sessions

Passed

As to item 9b, Commissioner Perona stated this board appointed him as the FMPA liaison. He travels to Orlando throughout the year to attend FMPA meetings and this meeting occurs during the annual conference. FMPA is our long term electric provider and it's imperative that the City has a voice at the table as decisions are being made.

Motion was made by Commissioner Thomas Perona, seconded by Commissioner Edward Becht to approve Consent Agenda item **9b**.

AYE: Mayor Linda Hudson, Commissioner Rufus Alexander, Commissioner Edward Becht, Commissioner Thomas Perona, Commissioner Reginald Sessions

Passed

10. PUBLIC HEARINGS

- a. Ordinance No. 15-001 Extending the territorial Limits of the City of Fort Pierce Florida to include property located at 9850 Midway Road, known as the Village At Midway. SECOND READING

City Clerk Linda Cox introduced the ordinance, read by title only, into the record.

Planner Clarissa Davis appeared and stated the first reading of this ordinance was on February 2, 2015. It has since been transmitted to state agencies where it has received some comments back from FDOT and St. Lucie County School Board. She summarized that FDOT had some concerns with proposed modifications at the Midway Road interchange per data provided in the traffic analysis. St. Lucie School Board concerns were with a lack of a school site for the western area. Because these concerns have been addressed and attended, staff is firm in the recommendation of approval.

Mayor Hudson opened the Public Hearing.

Mr. Lee Dobbins of the Dean Meade law firm stated there was no formal presentation, he

wanted the Commission to know they were available for any questions they may have. He thanked staff for their time and hard work and expressed appreciation for their assistance.

Seeing no one, Mayor Hudson closed the Public Hearing.

Motion was made by Commissioner Edward Becht, seconded by Commissioner Thomas Perona to approve Ordinance No. 15-001 on second and final reading.

AYE: Mayor Linda Hudson, Commissioner Rufus Alexander, Commissioner Edward Becht, Commissioner Thomas Perona, Commissioner Reginald Sessions
Passed

- b. Ordinance No. 15-006 providing revisions to the Planned Development section of the Land Development Code (Sec. 22-40) FIRST READING

City Clerk Linda Cox introduced the ordinance, read by title only, into the record.

Senior Planner Kori Benton appeared with a presentation, staff is recommending approval.

Mayor Hudson opened the Public Hearing.

Seeing no one, Mayor Hudson closed the Public Hearing.

Motion was made by Commissioner Edward Becht, seconded by Commissioner Thomas Perona to approve Ordinance No. 15-006 on first reading.

AYE: Mayor Linda Hudson, Commissioner Rufus Alexander, Commissioner Edward Becht, Commissioner Thomas Perona, Commissioner Reginald Sessions
Passed

- c. Ordinance No. 15-011 correcting a Scrivener's Error in Ordinance No. 14-033 adopting the Noise Ordinance. FIRST READING

City Clerk Linda Cox introduced the ordinance, read by title only, into the record. During the codification of Ordinance No. 14-033, it was learned that a section of the ordinance allowing for a special permit application was inadvertently omitted. This corrective ordinance simply includes the omitted section.

Mayor Hudson opened the Public Hearing.

Seeing no one, Mayor Hudson closed the Public Hearing.

Motion was made by Commissioner Edward Becht, seconded by Commissioner Reginald Sessions to approve Ordinance No. 15-011 on first reading.

AYE: Mayor Linda Hudson, Commissioner Rufus Alexander, Commissioner Edward Becht, Commissioner Thomas Perona, Commissioner Reginald Sessions
Passed

Public Hearing items 10d thru 10l - Ordinance 15-013 thru 15-021 Extending the territorial limits of the City of Fort Pierce Florida

City Clerk Linda Cox introduced the individual ordinances, read by title only, into the record.

Planner Clarissa Davis appeared with a presentation and staff recommendation that the Commission approve items 10d thru 10l as it furthers the goals, objectives and policies of

the Comprehensive Plan. The thirteen properties to be annexed have a total of 30.33 acres with a taxable value of \$3.3 million and estimated annual revenue of \$21,300 for the City of Fort Pierce.

Mayor Hudson opened the Public Hearing on items 10d through 10l.

Seeing no one, Mayor Hudson closed the Public Hearing.

- d. Ordinance No. 15-013 Extending the territorial Limits of the City of Fort Pierce Florida to include property located at 407 S 33rd Street. FIRST READING

Motion was made by Commissioner Rufus Alexander, seconded by Commissioner Reginald Sessions to approve Ordinance No. 15-013 on first reading.

AYE: Mayor Linda Hudson, Commissioner Rufus Alexander, Commissioner Edward Becht, Commissioner Thomas Perona, Commissioner Reginald Sessions

Passed

- e. Ordinance No. 15-014 Extending the territorial Limits of the City of Fort Pierce Florida to include property located at parcel number 2408-321-0005-000-9. FIRST READING

Motion was made by Commissioner Edward Becht, seconded by Commissioner Reginald Sessions to approve Ordinance No. 15-014 on first reading.

AYE: Mayor Linda Hudson, Commissioner Rufus Alexander, Commissioner Edward Becht, Commissioner Thomas Perona, Commissioner Reginald Sessions

Passed

- f. Ordinance No. 15-015 Extending the territorial Limits of the City of Fort Pierce Florida to include property located at 3625 Orange Avenue. FIRST READING

Motion was made by Commissioner Thomas Perona, seconded by Commissioner Rufus Alexander to approve Ordinance No. 15-015 on first reading.

AYE: Mayor Linda Hudson, Commissioner Rufus Alexander, Commissioner Edward Becht, Commissioner Thomas Perona, Commissioner Reginald Sessions

Passed

- g. Ordinance No. 15-016 Extending the territorial Limits of the City of Fort Pierce Florida to include property located at 3617 Orange Avenue. FIRST

Motion was made by Commissioner Edward Becht, seconded by Commissioner Reginald Sessions to approve Ordinance No. 15-016 on first reading.

AYE: Mayor Linda Hudson, Commissioner Rufus Alexander, Commissioner Edward Becht, Commissioner Thomas Perona, Commissioner Reginald Sessions

Passed

- h. Ordinance No. 15-017 Extending the territorial Limits of the City of Fort Pierce Florida to include property located at 3901 Orange Avenue. FIRST READING

Motion was made by Commissioner Reginald Sessions, seconded by Commissioner Edward Becht to approve Ordinance No. 15-017 on first reading.

AYE: Mayor Linda Hudson, Commissioner Rufus Alexander, Commissioner Edward Becht, Commissioner Thomas Perona, Commissioner Reginald Sessions

Passed

- i. Ordinance No. 15-018 Extending the territorial Limits of the City of Fort Pierce Florida to include property located at 5000 Orange Avenue. FIRST READING

Motion was made by Commissioner Thomas Perona, seconded by Commissioner Reginald Sessions to approve Ordinance No. 15-018 on first reading.

AYE: Mayor Linda Hudson, Commissioner Rufus Alexander, Commissioner Edward Becht, Commissioner Thomas Perona, Commissioner Reginald Sessions

Passed

- j. Ordinance No. 15-019 Extending the territorial Limits of the City of Fort Pierce Florida to include property located at 3241 Oleander Avenue. FIRST READING

Motion was made by Commissioner Rufus Alexander, seconded by Commissioner Reginald Sessions to approve Ordinance No. 15-019 on first reading.

AYE: Mayor Linda Hudson, Commissioner Rufus Alexander, Commissioner Edward Becht, Commissioner Thomas Perona, Commissioner Reginald Sessions

Passed

- k. Ordinance No. 15-020 Extending the territorial Limits of the City of Fort Pierce Florida to include property located at 3501 Oleander Avenue. FIRST READING

Motion was made by Commissioner Reginald Sessions, seconded by Commissioner Thomas Perona to approve Ordinance No. 15-020 on first reading.

AYE: Mayor Linda Hudson, Commissioner Rufus Alexander, Commissioner Edward Becht, Commissioner Thomas Perona, Commissioner Reginald Sessions

Passed

- l. Ordinance No. 15-021 Extending the territorial Limits of the City of Fort Pierce Florida to include property located at 3489 Oleander Avenue. FIRST READING

Motion was made by Commissioner Thomas Perona, seconded by Commissioner Rufus Alexander to approve Ordinance No. 15-021 on first reading.

AYE: Mayor Linda Hudson, Commissioner Rufus Alexander, Commissioner Edward Becht, Commissioner Thomas Perona, Commissioner Reginald Sessions

Passed

Public Hearing items 10m thru 10kk - Ordinance 15-022 thru 15-046 Extending the territorial limits of the City of Fort Pierce Florida

City Clerk Linda Cox introduced the individual ordinances, read by title only, into the record.

Planner Clarissa Davis appeared with a presentation and staff recommendation that the Commission approve items 10m thru 10kk as it furthers the goals, objectives and policies of the Comprehensive Plan. The 25 properties to be annexed have a total of 112.52 acres with a taxable value of \$34 million and estimated annual revenue of \$223,000 for the City of Fort Pierce.

Ms. Davis clarified that several of the properties have had annexation agreements on file for several years; the remaining parcels were utilizing FPUA without an agreement on file.

FPUA approached these owners and had them sign the annexation agreement. Commissioner Becht explained it was his belief there was a flume of pollution on the west side of U.S. 1 that created an emergency provision of water, it was state mandated that they hook up to the municipal service. In the rush to get them water and back open, some annexation agreements failed to be signed at that time. However, in the last 6 months when the properties were approached and asked if they would sign the agreement and voluntarily be annexed into the City of Fort Pierce with an understanding it would be this year, all agreements were signed.

Ms. Davis stated it is her goal to bring the City and County together to discuss some of the existing enclaves throughout different areas in the City. Commissioner Becht shared that County Commissioner Chris Dzadovsky would like to have meetings with the members of the Commission to discuss a legislative act that would square up the City's boundaries and allow the City to legislatively annex. It requires three county officials to not object to this.

Mayor Hudson opened the Public Hearing for agenda items 10m thru 10kk.

Mr. Steve Tierney, legal representative for Sunrise Ford Company, noted it is the written policy of the City to prioritize annexations of enclaves, pockets and infill areas, stating these proposed annexations would do the exact opposite. Midway Road is seen as being the southern boundary of the City of Fort Pierce and also seen as an important demarcation line for first responders. This corridor is not an urban area nor are there neighborhood businesses; there is really no good reason for these properties to be in a municipality. The proposed annexations do not form a compact rectangle; it is instead making the City's boundary more irregular. He stated creating irregularities is contrary to and in violation of city policy, Florida Statute, good sense and any idea of fairness. Mr. Tierney is asking the Commission to do the right thing and not pass these annexation ordinances as they are inherently not fair.

Ms. Davis responded to Mr. Tierney's concerns. She stated there has long been an agreement between the Sheriff's office and the Fort Pierce Police department concerning who responds first; whoever is closest will be the responder and doesn't deter anyone from receiving this service. She disagrees and believes this is a compact annexation because it is under one corridor, between Midway Road and Ulrich Road and it is not in a serpentine pattern. Florida State Statute states you cannot annex a finger like in serpentine patterns. The wording is not "and" it is "in" and the City is proposing annexation of a singular corridor with applicable properties and FPUA annexation agreements in hand for the City to annex. She further clarified enclaves within the Florida State Statutes has a definition of being completely surrounded by a municipality. There are some properties that are vacant with no development on the east side of U.S. 1, the reason we don't annex these properties is that they are vacant and there are no FPUA annexation agreements because nothing is there receiving services. However, in regards to the properties here before the Commission tonight she states that she believes they are completely compact, not creating any enclaves nor conflicts with the Comprehensive Plan or Florida State Statutes.

Ms. Grohall responded these properties meet the Florida State Statutes and the Comprehensive Plan goals. These annexations are based upon FPUA annexation agreements where the City has extended municipal service, some of those services go back at least a decade. For example, in April of 2003 Ms. Mary Jo Tierney signed the annexation agreement for this property and she believes there is another agreement that predates this one from 1988. The City has been extending municipal services to the property, this annexation is an effort to clean up the boundaries and bring them into the city limits.

Commissioner Alexander suggested that a representative from FPUA be present and available for any questions when the ordinances come back for second reading at the next

City Commission meeting.

Mr. Schwerer explained that contractual annexation is quite different from other types of annexations. What the City has are a series of legal agreements that were signed by property owners, some many years ago, agreeing that the consideration or the benefit that would attach to their property would be the extension of water and wastewater which was essential for the development of the property. In the written annexation agreements each of the property owners agreed that the consideration was for the extension of such water and wastewater, it was not in consideration of additional benefits to be provided in the future. The question of what benefits are to be attached or given to this property is really an irrelevant or immaterial argument. Nevertheless, as staff has pointed out the City has to typically annex in accordance with state law. There are two particular statutes that immediately come to the table, Florida Statute 171.044 that essentially states property annexed by a municipality must be contiguous, reasonably compact and not create enclaves. The definition of compactness is further set forth in Florida Statute 171.031 and it states that annexation proceedings in any county in the state shall be designed in such manner as to insure the area is reasonably compact. The statute defines compactness as concentration of a piece of property in a single area and precludes any action which would create enclaves, pockets or finger areas in serpentine patterns. Mr. Schwerer feels staff is absolutely correct that finger areas in a serpentine pattern are the key phrase here. In reviewing case law applicable to annexations he can only say that this is corridor annexation, it is a single area, it is something that the City of Fort Pierce has been engaged in for many years, it was legally challenged on the Okeechobee Road corridor many years ago and found by a local Circuit Court Judge to be in accordance with Florida law. There was a compactness argument that was dispelled by the court. The City Attorney's office has consulted with staff, provided them with their legal opinions and they are very comfortable the annexations conform to Florida law, these two statutes in particular and any case law that has been decided.

Commissioner Sessions stated he has a problem with buying into Mr. Tierney's argument. The property is contiguous, no enclaves and there is an agreement in place that once you receive the water and sewer the property would be annexed into the City.

Mr. Tierney responded that his client pays very high fees for FPUA water; in addition to the water, there is paying for the hook-up, paying for the lines and paying a markup rate for the water. To agree to pay 10 times markup rates is sufficient consideration for the water being received.

Mr. Bill Wallace of 5555 South US Highway 1 stated he never signed an annexation agreement; it was the previous owner of the property. He has been very happy with life as it has been; about the 10th of May he received a notice of hearing with the Zoning board. He stated this is not something the property owners have asked for; it is something that has been thrown onto their table. Once the property is annexed he feels the City needs to take on the liability, stating there is millions in inventory that will become the responsibility of the City to protect. They will be expecting to see blue and white cars circling in and around their inventory. Commissioner Becht interjected that there are car dealerships north of Midway that are paying the real-estate taxes and everything else, asking where is the fairness in allowing others to not pay the taxes when others just to the north are. It is important the City connect these businesses by annexing, adding the City will be providing additional services. Mr. Wallace explained that his business expenses have been historically structured and is facing a very significant increase for what is perceived as very little benefit.

Ms. Debbie Rhodig of 5045 South US Highway 1 wanted to give the Commission a small business owner's perspective. She was approached in March by a representative from

FPUA and told she had to sign the agreement or her water would be turned off in 90 days. She was confused and felt like she was being forced to do something. She requested a meeting with the City Manager, the City Attorney, FPUA and Mr. Koblegard where she was basically told she had no choice. She did not like the way it was done. She loves Fort Pierce, has no problem paying taxes but now her taxes will go up \$6,500 and she will be unable to paint her building. This decision affects her and every one of her employees. Commissioner Alexander suggested she contact the City Manager's office; once the property is annexed she will be eligible to apply for a façade grant to get her building painted. She asked why the agreement she signed in March will be retroactive to January 2015.

Mr. Schwerer explained that taxes are retroactive to January 1 by law provided the properties are annexed before July 1. Meetings were held with Ms. Rhodig and it was his understanding the UA negotiated some form of an agreement with her and there were issues he is not at liberty to discuss but he is surprised by the objection being now raised. The agreement was fully explained, a contractual agreement was reached and a standard annexation agreement was signed stating there will be no objection. Mr. Schwerer read from the agreement that the property owner agrees for themselves and on behalf of the property that they will raise no objection the annexation. There is an ordinance that was adopted by the City as a code provision many years ago that says if you receive water and waste water services and do not have an annexation agreement you are given 30 days to sign one. The City is not strong-arming anyone, this is the code, this is the law and we all have to follow the law that has been on the books for many years. If you do not have an agreement for whatever reason and you receive water or waste water you are given 30 days to sign an agreement and if you don't sign, the law provides that the service can then be discontinued. There is also a provision that says if you have an annexation agreement and challenge and refuse to annex then there are provisions terminating water and waste water.

Mr. Michael Weinert of 5255 South US Highway 1 stated they had to sign the agreement a few months ago because of recent construction; they are building a multimillion dollar facility. They are adding jobs and revenue and the way it stands now their taxes are going to go up approximately \$24,600 before it is reassessed after completion. This will put a significant crimp in hiring new people; they were looking to hire 10 new people within the next 60 days as they prepare to open. He stated he has a love for Fort Pierce and sponsors many of the events, but what he wanted to get across to the Commission is what this annexation will mean to the business owner, if expenses increase then they cannot hire and create new jobs. He stated they do everything they can for both the City of Fort Pierce as well as St. Lucie County; they even built into the plans a community room for non-profits to come in and have a meeting space. He thinks it shows that they will continue to do whatever they can to continue to be a part of the community.

Commissioner Becht stated that everyone who spoke would say never annex, that they don't want to pay those taxes. It's about the money. Fort Pierce has a serious problem and the additional taxes would allow dealing more proactively with that problem. The problem is not localized; if the City can bring in additional money the City can deal with it proactively. The City has a tremendous turnover rate at the police department, part of that turnover is that the City cannot pay them that money. In keeping a spartan budget, it is difficult to attract and retain officers; we now need more officers and more code enforcement officers. Commissioner Becht pledged that if he gets to say something about the budget it is going to go proactive, not into bloated budgets but into paying people to do the immediate services that are needed.

Mr. Marian Matthews is in total agreement with Commissioner Becht. He stated the problem is that no one wants to pay. If they are getting services, signed up for them with

FPUA and are receiving the services then bring them in and annex. Fort Pierce needs good paying jobs, he believes if there were better jobs there will be more business; you can sell more cars and sell more furnishings. Come in with us, work with us and make this a better Fort Pierce.

Commissioner Alexander stated he has been fighting for annexations in District 1 for 13 years. He is not taking sides but says he can see how they feel pressured to do something.

Mr. Frank Gonzalez with the Bev Smith Automotive Group stated he has been in Fort Pierce for 18 years and he came to hear what everyone had to say. He thinks that he can speak for every business owner here tonight and say they do provide a lot of jobs, a lot of income and a lot of taxes. He does not agree with the delivery, the way this was handled is not right.

Seeing no one further, Mayor Hudson closed the Public Hearing.

Commissioner Becht agreed with Mr. Gonzalez, the City's delivery could have been better. He suggests learning from this and does it better the next time.

It was the consensus of the Commission that the City's delivery was off and capable of doing better.

- m. Ordinance No. 15-022 Extending the territorial Limits of the City of Fort Pierce Florida to include property located at 4051 S US Hwy 1. FIRST READING

Motion was made by Commissioner Thomas Perona, seconded by Commissioner Edward Becht to approve Ordinance 15-023 on the first reading.

AYE: Mayor Linda Hudson, Commissioner Edward Becht, Commissioner Thomas Perona, Commissioner Reginald Sessions

NAY: Commissioner Rufus Alexander

Passed

- n. Ordinance No. 15-023 Extending the territorial Limits of the City of Fort Pierce Florida to include property located at 5005 S US Hwy 1. FIRST READING

Motion was made by Commissioner Thomas Perona, seconded by Commissioner Edward Becht to approve Ordinance No. 15-023

AYE: Mayor Linda Hudson, Commissioner Edward Becht, Commissioner Thomas Perona, Commissioner Reginald Sessions

NAY: Commissioner Rufus Alexander

Passed

- o. Ordinance No. 15-024 Extending the territorial Limits of the City of Fort Pierce Florida to include property located at 5045 S US Hwy 1. FIRST READING

Motion was made by Commissioner Edward Becht, seconded by Commissioner Thomas Perona to approve Ordinance No. 15-024 on first reading.

AYE: Mayor Linda Hudson, Commissioner Edward Becht, Commissioner Thomas Perona, Commissioner Reginald Sessions

NAY: Commissioner Rufus Alexander

Passed

- p. Ordinance No. 15-025 Extending the territorial Limits of the City of Fort Pierce Florida to include property located at 5121 S US Hwy 1. FIRST READING

Motion was made by Commissioner Thomas Perona, seconded by Commissioner Edward Becht to approve Ordinance No. 15-025 on first reading.

AYE: Mayor Linda Hudson, Commissioner Edward Becht, Commissioner Thomas Perona, Commissioner Reginald Sessions

NAY: Commissioner Rufus Alexander

Passed

- q. Ordinance No. 15-026 Extending the territorial Limits of the City of Fort Pierce Florida to include property located at 5195 S US Hwy 1. FIRST READING

Motion was made by Commissioner Edward Becht, seconded by Commissioner Thomas Perona to approve Ordinance No. 15-026 on first reading.

AYE: Mayor Linda Hudson, Commissioner Edward Becht, Commissioner Thomas Perona, Commissioner Reginald Sessions

NAY: Commissioner Rufus Alexander

Passed

- r. Ordinance No. 15-027 Extending the territorial Limits of the City of Fort Pierce Florida to include property located at 5205 S US Hwy 1. FIRST READING

Motion was made by Commissioner Edward Becht, seconded by Commissioner Thomas Perona to approve Ordinance No. 15-027 on first reading.

AYE: Mayor Linda Hudson, Commissioner Edward Becht, Commissioner Thomas Perona, Commissioner Reginald Sessions

NAY: Commissioner Rufus Alexander

Passed

- s. Ordinance No. 15-028 Extending the territorial Limits of the City of Fort Pierce Florida to include property located at 5255 S US Hwy 1. FIRST READING

Motion was made by Commissioner Thomas Perona, seconded by Commissioner Reginald Sessions to approve Ordinance No. 15-028 on first reading.

AYE: Mayor Linda Hudson, Commissioner Edward Becht, Commissioner Thomas Perona, Commissioner Reginald Sessions

NAY: Commissioner Rufus Alexander

Passed

- t. Ordinance No. 15-029 Extending the territorial Limits of the City of Fort Pierce Florida to include property located at 5301 S US Hwy 1. FIRST READING

Motion was made by Commissioner Edward Becht, seconded by Commissioner Reginald Sessions to approve Ordinance No. 15-029 on first reading.

AYE: Mayor Linda Hudson, Commissioner Edward Becht, Commissioner Thomas Perona, Commissioner Reginald Sessions

NAY: Commissioner Rufus Alexander

Passed

- u. Ordinance No. 15-030 Extending the territorial Limits of the City of Fort Pierce Florida to include property located at 5359 S US Hwy 1. FIRST READING

Motion was made by Commissioner Edward Becht, seconded by Commissioner Reginald Sessions to approve Ordinance No. 15-030 on first reading.

AYE: Mayor Linda Hudson, Commissioner Edward Becht, Commissioner Thomas Perona, Commissioner Reginald Sessions

NAY: Commissioner Rufus Alexander

Passed

- v. Ordinance No. 15-031 Extending the territorial Limits of the City of Fort Pierce Florida to include property located at 5435 S US Hwy 1. FIRST READING

Motion was made by Commissioner Reginald Sessions, seconded by Commissioner Thomas Perona to approve Ordinance 15-031 on first reading.

AYE: Mayor Linda Hudson, Commissioner Edward Becht, Commissioner Thomas Perona, Commissioner Reginald Sessions

NAY: Commissioner Rufus Alexander

Passed

- w. Ordinance No. 15-032 Extending the territorial Limits of the City of Fort Pierce Florida to include property located at 5555 S US Hwy 1. FIRST READING

Motion was made by Commissioner Edward Becht, seconded by Commissioner Thomas Perona to approve Ordinance No. 15-032 on first reading.

AYE: Mayor Linda Hudson, Commissioner Edward Becht, Commissioner Thomas Perona, Commissioner Reginald Sessions

NAY: Commissioner Rufus Alexander

Passed

- x. Ordinance No. 15-033 Extending the territorial Limits of the City of Fort Pierce Florida to include property located at 5655 S US Hwy 1. FIRST READING

Motion was made by Commissioner Reginald Sessions, seconded by Commissioner Edward Becht to approve Ordinance No. 15-033 on first reading.

AYE: Mayor Linda Hudson, Commissioner Edward Becht, Commissioner Thomas Perona, Commissioner Reginald Sessions

NAY: Commissioner Rufus Alexander

Passed

- y. Ordinance No. 15-034 Extending the territorial Limits of the City of Fort Pierce Florida to include property located at 406 Ulrich Road. FIRST READING

Motion was made by Commissioner Reginald Sessions, seconded by Commissioner Edward Becht to approve Ordinance No. 15-034 on first reading.

AYE: Mayor Linda Hudson, Commissioner Edward Becht, Commissioner Thomas Perona, Commissioner Reginald Sessions

NAY: Commissioner Rufus Alexander

Passed

- z. Ordinance No. 15-035 Extending the territorial Limits of the City of Fort Pierce Florida to include property located at 5675 S US Hwy 1. FIRST READING

Motion was made by Commissioner Thomas Perona, seconded by Commissioner Reginald Sessions to approve Ordinance No. 15-035 on first reading.

AYE: Mayor Linda Hudson, Commissioner Edward Becht, Commissioner Thomas Perona, Commissioner Reginald Sessions

NAY: Commissioner Rufus Alexander

Passed

- aa. Ordinance No. 15-036 Extending the territorial Limits of the City of Fort Pierce Florida to include property located at 5000 S US Hwy 1. FIRST READING

Motion was made by Commissioner Edward Becht, seconded by Commissioner Thomas Perona to approve Ordinance No. 15-036 on first reading.

AYE: Mayor Linda Hudson, Commissioner Edward Becht, Commissioner Thomas Perona, Commissioner Reginald Sessions

NAY: Commissioner Rufus Alexander

Passed

- bb. Ordinance No. 15-037 Extending the territorial Limits of the City of Fort Pierce Florida to include property located at 5030 S US Hwy 1. FIRST READING

Motion was made by Commissioner Edward Becht, seconded by Commissioner Thomas Perona to approve Ordinance No. 15-037 on first reading.

AYE: Mayor Linda Hudson, Commissioner Edward Becht, Commissioner Thomas Perona, Commissioner Reginald Sessions

NAY: Commissioner Rufus Alexander

Passed

- cc. Ordinance No. 15-038 Extending the territorial Limits of the City of Fort Pierce Florida to include property located at 5090 S US Hwy 1. FIRST READING

Motion was made by Commissioner Thomas Perona, seconded by Commissioner Edward Becht to approve Ordinance No. 15-038 on first reading.

AYE: Mayor Linda Hudson, Commissioner Edward Becht, Commissioner Thomas Perona, Commissioner Reginald Sessions

NAY: Commissioner Rufus Alexander

Passed

- dd. Ordinance No. 15-039 Extending the territorial Limits of the City of Fort Pierce Florida to include property located at 5220 S US Hwy 1. FIRST READING

Motion was made by Commissioner Reginald Sessions, seconded by Commissioner Thomas Perona to approve Ordinance No. 15-039 on first reading.

AYE: Mayor Linda Hudson, Commissioner Edward Becht, Commissioner Thomas Perona, Commissioner Reginald Sessions

NAY: Commissioner Rufus Alexander

Passed

- ee. Ordinance No. 15-040 Extending the territorial Limits of the City of Fort Pierce Florida to include property located at 5250 S US Hwy 1. FIRST READING

Motion was made by Commissioner Edward Becht, seconded by Commissioner Thomas Perona to approve Ordinance No. 15-040 on first reading.

AYE: Mayor Linda Hudson, Commissioner Edward Becht, Commissioner Thomas Perona, Commissioner Reginald Sessions

NAY: Commissioner Rufus Alexander

Passed

- ff. Ordinance No. 15-041 Extending the territorial Limits of the City of Fort Pierce Florida to include property located at 5280 S US Hwy 1. FIRST READING

Motion was made by Commissioner Reginald Sessions, seconded by Commissioner Thomas Perona to approve Ordinance No. 15-041 on first reading.

AYE: Mayor Linda Hudson, Commissioner Edward Becht, Commissioner Thomas Perona, Commissioner Reginald Sessions

NAY: Commissioner Rufus Alexander

Passed

- gg. Ordinance No. 15-042 Extending the territorial Limits of the City of Fort Pierce Florida to include property located at 5300 S US Hwy 1. FIRST READING

Motion was made by Commissioner Edward Becht, seconded by Commissioner Reginald Sessions to approve Ordinance No. 15-042 on first reading.

AYE: Mayor Linda Hudson, Commissioner Edward Becht, Commissioner Thomas Perona, Commissioner Reginald Sessions

NAY: Commissioner Rufus Alexander

Passed

- hh. Ordinance No. 15-043 Extending the territorial Limits of the City of Fort Pierce Florida to include property located at 5340 S US Hwy 1. FIRST READING

Motion was made by Commissioner Edward Becht, seconded by Commissioner Thomas Perona to approve Ordinance No. 15-043 on first reading.

AYE: Mayor Linda Hudson, Commissioner Edward Becht, Commissioner Thomas Perona, Commissioner Reginald Sessions

NAY: Commissioner Rufus Alexander

Passed

- ii. Ordinance No. 15-044 Extending the territorial Limits of the City of Fort Pierce Florida to include property located at 5390 S US Hwy 1. FIRST READING

Motion was made by Commissioner Thomas Perona, seconded by Commissioner Edward Becht to approve Ordinance No. 15-044 on first reading.

AYE: Mayor Linda Hudson, Commissioner Edward Becht, Commissioner Thomas Perona, Commissioner Reginald Sessions

NAY: Commissioner Rufus Alexander

Passed

- jj. Ordinance No. 15-045 Extending the territorial Limits of the City of Fort Pierce Florida to include property located at 5400 S US Hwy 1. FIRST READING

Motion was made by Commissioner Edward Becht, seconded by Commissioner Thomas Perona to approve Ordinance No. 15-045 on first reading.

AYE: Mayor Linda Hudson, Commissioner Edward Becht, Commissioner Thomas Perona, Commissioner Reginald Sessions

NAY: Commissioner Rufus Alexander

Passed

- kk. Ordinance No. 15-046 Extending the territorial Limits of the City of Fort Pierce Florida to include property located at 5550 S US Hwy 1. FIRST READING

Motion was made by Commissioner Thomas Perona, seconded by Commissioner Edward Becht to approve Ordinance No. 15-046 on first reading.

AYE: Mayor Linda Hudson, Commissioner Edward Becht, Commissioner Thomas Perona, Commissioner Reginald Sessions

NAY: Commissioner Rufus Alexander

Passed

11. MISCELLANEOUS REPORTS & REQUESTS

12. CITY COMMISSION

- a. Resolution 15-R18 appointing Meredith Bennett to serve on the Fort Pierce Authentic Tours Advisory Board

Motion was made by Commissioner Edward Becht, seconded by Commissioner Thomas Perona to approve Resolution No. 15-R18.

AYE: Mayor Linda Hudson, Commissioner Rufus Alexander, Commissioner Edward Becht, Commissioner Thomas Perona, Commissioner Reginald Sessions

Passed

13. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Mr. John Graziano
Mr. John Graziano Jr
Ms. Dodi Spence

14. COMMENTS FROM THE CITY MANAGER

- a. City Manager Departmental Activity Report

Mr. Robert Bradshaw wanted to give a quick reminder to everyone of the grand opening of the Marina which will be on June 13, 2015 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Everyone is invited. Also, there will be a follow up on the strategic plan on Thursday, July 16 from 3:00 to 6:00 p.m. Any additional input should be directed to the City Manager's office.

In regard to legislative annexation, at the July 13 conference agenda, the City will be discussing legislative issue. Any other issues that should be discussed need to go to the City Manager's office.

15. COMMENTS FROM THE COMMISSION

Commissioner Alexander reported on the conference in Tampa expressing the great success of the City of Fort Pierce kids. He also requested that FPUA weigh in on the annexations and discuss surcharges.

Commissioner Perona thanked Frank Amandro for his work as Interim Police Chief indicating he was visible, accessible, knowledgeable and involved. His efforts were of great benefit to the city. As to the events of the weekend at Jetty Park, the business owners share the concerns of the residents and will work closely with the city for solutions. Interim Chief Amandro provided an overview of the events along with staffing levels. We are all responsible to come up with viable solutions to our growing problems.

Commissioner Sessions thanked the city for the opportunity to attend the conference in Tampa. It was great to be able to talk and discuss potential solutions to our problems and we also learned we are not the only City having problems with youthful offenders. He suggested that we look into establishing a curfew for our young people. He hopes that the Chief is ready to tackle the problems.

Commissioner Becht expressed his happiness that the new Chief has arrived. He also expressed his appreciation to Frank and his efforts. He recognizes that we have effective law enforcement but that we have a resource issue. There are many ideas about potential tools to address our issues. He asked about the policy allowing police officers in private businesses; the draft is in the City Attorney's office and we hope that it is able to be approved soon. He received a call from the Property Appraiser who is reporting a 2.5% increase in property values which equates to approximately \$320,000.00. The annexations will help as well. He is anxious to have a budget workshop to discuss what we can do moving forward. He would love hearing ideas from each department on how we might deal with our violence issues and other ideas to proactively deal with our issues. Ms. Johnson indicated a draft budget is in process. Deputy Chief Amandro reported that we have a curfew ordinance in place and offenders are transported to the JAC facility on Oleander Avenue. Mr. Schwerer indicated the off-duty police policy can be wrapped up quickly; it is a priority item. Commissioner Becht also brought up our lack of School Resource Officers; it is done by the Sheriff's Department but we should have police as well.

Mayor Hudson reported that the business community is willing to help in any way to address future problems. She also shared that at the Preventing Crime in the Black Community conference in Tampa, she was surprised by how many cities are dealing with this issue. It is clear that it is not just a police issue but needs to be addressed in many different ways. The County has the gas tax ordinance on its agenda; they are passing the same formula for a two-year period. Commissioner Becht believes that Port St. Lucie is not going to agree to the new formula and this may be an opportunity to get a formula that is more fair to the cities; it was requested that Mr. Bradshaw contact the Port St. Lucie City Manager and report back. With the seriousness of our budget, it would be helpful if we can avoid losing \$500,000 from our budget in the future. Mayor Hudson shared that she attended church at the Haitian Independent Assembly of God; many of the members that were injured in the crash were back in the community. They presented an Award of Appreciation for the City of Fort Pierce.

16. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Mayor Hudson declared the meeting adjourned at 9:55 p.m.

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK

MAYOR COMMISSIONER