

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, JULY 6, 2015.

1. **CALL TO ORDER** - Mayor Hudson called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.
2. **OPENING PRAYER** - Rev. Bryan L. Wenger of Indian River Presbyterian Church offered the opening prayer.
3. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** - was recited by World War II veterans in attendance.

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

5. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- a. Approval of Minutes from June 15, 2015 meeting.

Motion was made by Commissioner Thomas Perona, seconded by Commissioner Rufus Alexander to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting on June 15, 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 honoring United States Veterans and Southeast Florida Honor Flight. It was received by Todd Tucker, Chairman, Southeast Florida Honor Flight.
- b. Mayor Hudson issued a Proclamation recognizing the 300th Anniversary of the 1715 Spanish fleet disaster by proclaiming Spanish Treasure Fleet Remembrance Week. It was received by Nancy Bennett, President, St. Lucie Historical Society.

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

- a. Letter from Cynthia G. Angelos commending Rebecca Grohall on the exceedingly professional, competent and diligent manner in which she handled a client's matter.

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

There were no comments from the public.

9. **CONSENT AGENDA**

- a. Request authorization to contract with Ardaman and Associates, Inc. for materials testing and construction engineering inspection services in an amount not to exceed \$18,130.
- b. Approval to initiate a purchase order with Selectron in the amount of \$22,800.00 for an interactive voice response system upgrade with managed services for the Building Department.
- c. Request from Richard J. Cranmer, P.A., Jacobson Auction & Realty Company, 2103 Sunrise Boulevard, Ft. Pierce, FL 34950 for an extension of 60 days to pay reduced code enforcement liens totaling \$3,304.80, which was approved by the City Commission on March 2, 2015.
- d. Approve contribution of \$5,000 to the Fort Pierce Police Athletic League from the Law Enforcement Trust Fund.
- e. Approval to enter into a Lease/Purchase agreement with IBM to update the current IBM Power 7 to IBM Power 8 in the total amount of \$59,493.24 paid over three (3) years.

Motion was made by Commissioner Edward Becht, seconded by Commissioner Thomas Perona to approve the Consent Agenda in its entirety, items **9a, 9b, 9c, 9d, 9e**.

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

10. PUBLIC HEARINGS

- a. Application for a Site Plan and Conditional Use submitted by Mosaics Of America Inc. to construct a 14,500 S.F. structure to include a new showroom, warehouse, and business offices located at 900 S US Highway 1, Fort Pierce, FL. (Staff recommends postponement until July 20, 2015 meeting in order to consider Site Plan, Conditional Use, Abandonment, Lot Transfer, and Development Agreement Concurrently.)

Motion was made by Commissioner Thomas Perona, seconded by Commissioner Reginald Sessions to postpone until the next Regular Meeting on July 20, 2015.

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

- b. Review and approval of an application for Conditional Use with new construction submitted by Lawnwood Medical Center, Inc. to expand their existing facility at Lawnwood Pavilion, 1860 N Lawnwood Circle, Fort Pierce, Florida by 13,412 sq. ft. to add 16 licensed beds at their existing facility.

Planner Clarissa Davis appeared with a brief presentation and staff recommendation the City Commission approve the Conditional Use and Site Plan application.

Mayor Hudson opened the Public Hearing.

Seeing no one, Mayor Hudson closed the Public Hearing.

Motion was made by Commissioner Thomas Perona, seconded by Commissioner Rufus Alexander to approve application for Conditional Use for Lawnwood Medical Center.

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

Passed

- c. Ordinance 15-047 rezoning properties generally located at 600 S 3rd Street from I-1, Light Industrial Zone to PD, Planned Development Zone. FIRST READING

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

Senior Planner Kori Benton appeared with a presentation and stated there are two components to be discussed; he will be presenting the planned development as well as the ordinance for the rezoning for the site concurrently this evening. The applicant is proposing in lieu of installing sidewalks in this area where pedestrians do not traverse to use those funds to target other areas in need of sidewalks, as is permissible in the City's progressive sidewalk ordinance. The intersection of Georgia Avenue and US Highway 1 has a significant deficiency and will be impacted by the applicants. There are some preliminary foundations for road improvement enhancements that the City will be discussing with the applicants, reaching out to FEC and the Wal-Mart Distribution Center with the hopes of moving toward a partnership for enhancing the intersection. Staff recommends approval of the request as presented with the following conditions on the development plan:

1. Adoption of a defined delivery route for the facility, which deters use of, and minimizes conflicts with residential or non-industrial roadways.
2. The facility confines operational hours for the rail component, servicing the site, to reflect the established time schedule for transitioning of noise limitations (limiting operations between 11 p.m. – 7 a.m.)
3. The property owner and/or applicant provide necessary, and reasonable, contributions to roadway improvements, not to exceed \$50,000, in order to offset impacts of the facility operations prior to issuance of a Certificate of Occupancy.
4. The existing chain link fence, barbed wire fence presently securing the western portion of the site is replaced with an appropriate alternative to comply with established design review guidelines.
5. The property owner and/or applicant provide payment in-lieu of providing a sidewalk along South 3rd Street, prior to Building permit issuance.
6. The property owner and/or applicant record a unity of title for the project boundaries, prior to Building permit issuance.

Commissioner Perona sees this development as a preventative for a future staging area for the FEC railroad; under their ownership of the property, it would be within their rights to do so. Further stating it was important to understand the I-1 zone.

Mayor Hudson opened the Public Hearing.

Mr. Stef Matthes, Culpepper & Terpening, representative for Rocla, appeared with a brief presentation of Rocla's facility and functions that addressed noise, dust, environment, aesthetics and traffic. He stated there would be a total of 42 employees, 24 will be the first shift with the remaining 18 working the second shift. The applicants are entering into a renewable 5 year lease with FEC and they have long term plans to be in Fort Pierce. They agree with staff conditions and wanted it known that they intend to be a good corporate neighbor. Mr. Matthes identified an opportunity to apply to FDOT for an Economic Development trust fund grant; they will be working with the City and assisting with the initial development plans as well as the costs estimates that are required to apply for the grant. The

City is looking at a grant that may be upwards of \$300,000 to toward improvements to the intersection of Georgia Avenue and U.S. Highway 1.

Commissioner Becht added that a key component with this site is that it is in the FPRA area. Because there is \$10,000,000 of improvement, the property owner, FEC, will get to pay an additional amount to the County. The County will then transmit that money back to the City's FPRA, roughly an additional \$50,000 a year. All of the factors weigh into how this Commission is going to vote. He inquired if the building plans have already been submitted to the building department. Mr. Matthes confirmed the plans have been submitted and the total improvements are valued at \$10,000,000. Commissioner Becht stated that if the project is built per the plans submitted this will be a \$10,000,000 facility.

Mr. Harold Holtsberg read a letter to the Commission written by William R. Dannahower stating his opposition to the project. Mr. Holtsberg stated he does not reside within the area that received a ballot to vote on the project response; he is strongly opposed to a light industrial plant anywhere close to downtown Fort Pierce. He feels the facility will not be able to contain the noise that will be generated and resonate from the metal building. He is also concerned and wonders how much dust will get into the air and blown around the community. Mr. Holtsberg hopes the Commission will consider what the impact might be with this facility's proximity to the downtown area, stating the City currently has an industrial area that may be better suited for this facility.

Ms. Holly Theuns stated that her understanding is that the Comprehensive Plan is a tool the City uses to keep everyone going in the same direction. She does not see that having industrial uses downtown is in keeping with the way that the Comprehensive Plan is moving forward. The City is marketed as an eco-tourism destination. A lot of resources have been used to decommission the power plant and remove industrial from the downtown area creating opportunities for other uses. She outlined the work to the marina area and spoke of plans to move the wastewater treatment plant, clarifying the City has been removing industrial uses from the downtown area. She stated the Cemex plant will be going on the market soon, which has the potential to remove even more of the industrial aspects from the downtown area. In her opinion, this project does not meet the requirements for rezoning, does not promote the Comprehensive Plan and does not promote public health, safety or general welfare. She is not against the cement company, she is not against the jobs, and she stated she is against the downtown area industrial facility.

Mr. Dick Weden appeared to represent Chris Kesl, owner of 729 South Indian River Drive. She owns the apartment complex at this address and states they already hear noise and has expressed that this facility will affect the value of her property as well others within the neighborhood. Mr. Weden stated that he and his wife moved here recently and enjoy this quiet little town and believes Fort Pierce needs to stay the Sunrise City and not become an industrial location.

Dr. Ronald Lyman wanted to thank everyone here for all of the evident hard work that has been done on this project. He inquired of the picture that was presented earlier, stating there is some work that has not been done. Concrete and high levels of pH are toxic to the aquatic species. He is concerned where the concrete will be put after the fresh concrete is made. He asked what is to happen when the lime and other materials leach off the new concrete when it is rinsed off or rains. He is concerned the lime will change the pH of surrounding neighborhood wells and then onto the Indian River. He thanks everyone for their hard work but he thinks before approving, there needs to be talk about whether there will be an impermeable membrane beneath the entire plant and everywhere fresh concrete will be stored.

Mr. Steven Tarr is speaking on behalf of the Fort Pierce Business Alliance. They had a meeting where they discussed this project and were all unanimous against this project as

presented. They are for the business and the benefits the City will receive; he stated they are against the location. There are so many better locations for this business in Fort Pierce. The downtown area is turning around, there are new business owners and new property owners and things are moving in the right direction. Once the zoning change is made it will be in place forever, Mr. Tarr does not feel a cement company making railway ties is light industrial. In general, you have a lot of people that are against this and sounds like very few that are for it.

Mr. Robert Hall stated he recalled the infamous silos that was guaranteed to never leak, stating there was spillage into the river. He agrees granite aggregate is a better product, but if it all kept indoors it would hard to say what is actually being used.

Ms. Ingrid Van Hekken stated she does not reside within the City but for 24 years she has helped, raised money and volunteered for the City because it is her city even though she lives in the Village. She stated that something very similar was going to happen in the village fifty years ago and they decided they did not want it; the City can still have the jobs and still the business in an industrial area. We all made Fort Pierce the way it is now through plans and visions, she encourages the Commission to think about what they may or may not be approving.

Ms. Anne Sinnott is asking the Commission to please not change the zoning from light industrial to the planned development zoning. She identified four L's; land, lagoon, level of service for our roads and longevity. She asked that the Commission please listen to the people and constituents. Please stick to our zoning where we have place for everything and everything in its place.

Mr. Rusty Croley with Rocla Concrete came forward to address some questions raised and explain about the manufacturing process. All processes are done within the factory, the concrete is made within the structure and even the process of taking the sand and the aggregate from the storage bins into the mixer is within a closed area. This is also a sound proofed area to keep noise down; the building is an insulated metal building with sound proof barriers around all high active intense noise areas. Once the concrete is manufactured, it is transported inside the plant and cast into forms. They are then stored in enclosed curing chambers until they reach 4,500 psi. When the ties go through the manufacturing process and are stored in the storage yard they are completely cured, devoid of leaching. He wanted to address this issue so everyone would understand that once watered in the storage yard there will be no leaching of lime or fly ash. It will be cured and no different from the city sidewalks. It is the company's business plan to become a serviceable market for the southeast and supply ties to Tri-Rail and to FEC, as they have been doing. This is an opportunity for the Company to become and remain a service area for the southeast region of the U.S. For the next 3 to 5 years the company is planning for double shifts to keep up with demand, after that time the plant will most likely reduce to a single shift. Their Delaware location has exported to other countries, there is potential for this location to also export in the future.

Commissioner Becht suggested a condition be added, to be provided a contact name and cell number that will operated 24/7 on the chance anyone has a problem at 2:00 a.m. and they call 911, the duty officer will have a name and number to call and address the problem. Mr. Croley stated they can definitely do this; it would most likely be the local operations manager once one is hired.

Mr. Bob LaDue with the Florida East Coast Railway stated that in the past the ties were manufactured by FEC up in Jacksonville. They shut down their plant because they are not in the business of selling concrete ties. Since that time, they have been purchasing them from Rocla out of their Delaware location stating the largest cost is in the transportation down the east coast. He stated the ties that are currently in Fort Pierce are over 20 years old and within the next 20 years will all be replaced; he identified the plant as a "built in demand" facility. He

stated they have also met with the port and expressed their desire to export products from this port and believes this may be the stepping stone to open that area up once again. This can be a real opportunity, not just a dream to expand and grow this business, there is a long term plan for this facility. They are committed to growing their business and investing in the community, stating there is a phone that can be called if there are issues with the rail yard and he would be glad to share them with the general public.

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

Commissioner Sessions stated the activity is going to take place inside of a very sound structure. He admitted to seeing concerns with lime, but was reassured after hearing the applicant's confidence of their ability to manufacture this product with no leakage. If there is some place that ever needed an economic boost with jobs, it is here and definitely something to consider.

Commissioner Perona stated this has been a very interesting discussion tonight and he has been happy to hear from both sides. No matter what happens tonight, the City still has a big railroad coming through the downtown area. We have taken a look at a facility and after you look at all of the information and impacts the City is still looking at a rail yard that is owned by FEC.

Commissioner Alexander stated the one thing that impressed him the most was their personal representation to the Commission and he thinks they did an excellent job and he looks forward to them coming back before the Commission with future projects for the City of Fort Pierce.

Commissioner Becht had a couple of points referencing the rezoning. He views the zoning of I-1 going to a PD as a downzoning. There is very little control over what goes on in an I-1; with the rezoning to PD there is a great deal of control over what can happen on FEC property. There are some smaller industrial uses that are close to downtown that were not mentioned. He identified East Coast Lumber, Metra Trailers and Sailfish Brewery. He feels it is in the City's best interest to process the rezoning, and to keep in mind that this is a huge economic input to Fort Pierce.

Mayor Hudson met with the applicant and watched the Planning Board meeting; she has to say that this is a difficult decision. This project has positives and negatives and one positive is that FEC property sitting there empty does not bring revenue to the City of Fort Pierce. Ideally it should be situated someplace else. Having said that she stated that this not your grandfather's cement plant, this is a state of the art plant. She has researched each of the individual plants and has found no complaints from anyone. She sees nothing but improvement from the site.

Motion was made by Commissioner Reginald Sessions, seconded by Commissioner Rufus Alexander to approve Ordinance 15-047 on first reading.

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

Passed

- d. Approve with conditions a final development plan (PD - Planned Development) submitted by the property owner, FEC RR, applicant, Rocla Concrete Tie, Inc., and representative Stefan Matthes of Culpepper & Terpening, Inc. for the development of an industrial concrete railroad tie manufacturing plant.

Senior Planner Kori Benton appeared and available for questions.

Commissioner Becht stated a condition that he had in mind was to be provided a public contact person and phone number that would be available 24/7; if it is not answered it would be a violation of the conditional use. The reason is the public has to have someone accountable to answer the 911 call for a violation of the noise ordinance. This will assist to let the applicant know there are a complaint and a way for them to address it. He stated that now is a window for anyone that has a specific objection that could possibly be addressed with a condition; they can come before the Commission with their concerns during the second reading. This is the opportunity to talk about reasonable conditions.

Commissioner Sessions stated that if the citizens do in fact have concerns in terms of complaints the proper party to address them would be the police department. To subject the applicant to having someone 24/7 to address any concerns of the nearby resident is an imposition to the applicant. It is vital for the authorities to enforce the rules.

Commissioner Becht clarified that the system would be for the concerned to call 911 for a violation of the noise ordinance; the dispatch would then have the person to contact and the number to reach them to address the complaint.

Mayor Hudson opened the Public Hearing.

Mr. Matthes stated that Rocla would be more than willing to supply that requested information.

Ms. Ingrid Van Hekken would like to put into the conditions that 50% of the employees are hired locally, further suggesting that 50% of the locally hired employees be put into management positions. Get them to employ City of Fort Pierce residents, make that a condition.

Mr. Paul Sinnott questions the impact on US 1, what are the plans?

Mr. Steve Tarr, speaking on behalf of the Fort Pierce Business Alliance, stated when he Googled Rocla there were 15 positive reviews and he read to the Commission the first negative found. He shared that he had received an email of the listing offering from CEMEX; it is on the market for \$495,000 by the broker. The listing states the property is being sold with deed restrictions prohibiting the use with any purpose that would compete with CEMEX, making it very unlikely to ever be concrete. He appreciates the Commission comments; the Fort Pierce Business Alliance respectfully disagrees. There are 2 big issues; he feels they are underestimating the truck traffic and the wear and tear on the roadways. The second thing is that the Treasure Coast has been fighting All Aboard Florida, why does the City want to help AAF. He questioned why the building has to be so high making it visible from the island and all over, stating height is a big issue. He asked who from the City is going to monitor this facility to make sure everything is kept indoors, that there are no chemicals and no noise. There needs to be a plan with violations and restrictions. He felt it was strange the U-turn that staff took with very little if any new information versus the presentation at the Planning and Zoning Board where they recommended denial; he stated that for reason of recommended denial it was turned around and recommended in favor. He thought that was strange. For clarification at the next meeting he suggests the City Attorney provide the public with the definition of heavy industrial, light industrial and industrial. In closing he stated they are not against this project, just the location and at the Fort Pierce Business Alliance they always like to provide solutions. The solution is a change of location. His personal opinion for this location would be ballfields for the expansion of St. Andrews School.

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

Commissioner Becht inquired of the necessity for the height of the building and the reasoning

of the two different heights of the silos identified on the plans. Mr. Crowley explained the two silos hold two different types of materials; fly ash is needed in a smaller quantity therefore the larger silo is not needed for that material. To eliminate the typically taller silos, the plans call for a larger diameter to compensate. For the building they require the height for the curing chamber and the height of the 2 tiered cranes required to move the product.

In response to Commissioner Sessions Mr. Croley stated it is the company's goal to advertise and hire locally. They would be happy to employ local qualified candidates from Fort Pierce, stating they are not importing from other locations. Every position will be advertised here location first, there main objective is to hire local.

Mr. Benton gave a brief explanation for light industrial as it pertains to this facility. He further clarified the agencies that would be generally monitoring the plant. To insure this is happening, it would require a combination of code enforcement, police department and a project manager or designee from City staff.

Mr. Jacquin came forward at the Commission request and stated they are ready to start construction, the plans are in the building department and the money is in the bank. They have removed some invasive species of vegetation and successfully relocated a gopher tortoise; they are waiting for the go ahead.

Commissioner Becht shares a concern about the truck traffic, stating the weight and balance of the traffic issue is the truck driver having a job, the mechanic having a job fixing the trucks and the tire salesman that will sell the tires that need to be replaced on the trucks. This is for the benefit of the overall city with the only negative he sees is the closeness to the downtown area.

Mr. Schwerer has heard the Commission discussion of the noise ordinance and its applicability to this project. There is a different standard for industrial and light industrial activities. Noise of safety signals and warning devices, which are common on large trucks and forklifts moving around and going in reverse are exempt. He encourages the Commission to inquire if that type of activity will be ongoing in the late evening shifts to make sure they have the control they are requesting with the noise ordinance on this particular project. If the plant does have this sort of activity, if they then there may be a problem with the Commission thinking the noise ordinance will address it. Any vehicle with safety signals or warning devices will be exempt.

Commissioner Sessions stated the City has to be careful how they treat people in terms of trying to attract business to Fort Pierce. We are talking about industry and industry requires work and work sometimes requires noise. He does not like the fact of placing a lot of restrictions. Mr. Jacquin responded that this has already been addressed to some degree.

Motion was made by Commissioner Reginald Sessions, seconded by Commissioner Rufus Alexander to approve with staff's recommendations and additional condition of a local liaison and contact cell number for addressing noise violations.

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

Passed

11. MISCELLANEOUS REPORTS & REQUESTS

12. CITY COMMISSION

- a. Resolution No. 15-R17 appointing members to the Civil Service Appeals Board.

City Clerk Linda Cox stated Christine Taylor was appointed as the regular appointment and Mr. Steven DiPalma as the Commission alternate. An email was received earlier today stating that Mr. DiPalma has resigned from the Civil Service Appeals Board. At this time there will be one appointment to the Board, Ms. Christine Taylor.

Motion was made by Commissioner Edward Becht, seconded by Commissioner Rufus Alexander to approve Resolution No. 15-R17 with only Christine Taylor's appointment.

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

Passed

13. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Mr. Robert Hall
Ms. Dodi Spence
Mr. Steve Tarr
Mr. Rick Reed

14. COMMENTS FROM THE CITY MANAGER

- a. City Manager's Departmental Activity Report

Mr. Bradshaw wanted to remind everyone of the Budget Workshop this Thursday at 9:00 a.m. until noon. The City also has its final Strategic Planning Session on Thursday, July 16th at the Riverwalk Center. The Conference Agenda will be Monday, July 13th, please forward to the City Manager's office any legislative priorities so they can be included on the agenda.

15. COMMENTS FROM THE COMMISSION

Commissioner Alexander stated he is concerned about the way businesses are being treated on Avenue D. He was told of a business that had to close because of their grease trap and sewer odor. He remembers that next to the Sunrise Theater there used to be a hole in the wall that they used to sell food out of. He has spoken to Mr. Bradshaw and Mr. Mimms and they assured him it was all over the City, and not just on Avenue D. Commissioner Alexander was taken aback by this person telling him that FPUA shut them down.

Commissioner Perona commented that Mr. Tarr does participate with Fort Pierce Parking Committee and they did receive information from the Fort Pierce Business Alliance. Stating they were invited to the last meeting, unfortunately the Alliance was not in attendance. Commissioner Perona feels they need to be active participants, they have valuable comments. It is very hard to get all of the information and ideas out in an hour, especially with the committee being such a dynamic group. The committee will reach out to the Business Alliance and make sure they are a part of the group. He is excited there is a Fort Pierce alliance for businesses, for years there has not been a downtown group. The City now has a group of new businesses, new investors in the community with a large stake hold interested in how to move forward. Also, he requested that Ms. Grohall to provide a presentation on vacation rentals that will be easy for the community to understand what the City's rules and regulations, specifically what is and is not allowed and how it affects the community.

Commissioner Sessions wanted to make note of FPUA's new Directors presence during the

Commission meetings. He also noticed the recommendations that the UA approve a reduction in the rates. Simply stating he appreciates Mr. Lindstrom being there, calling him a breath of fresh air. This is an issue that has been stressing the community for so long, this is a community owned utility and it needs to conduct business as if it is owned by the citizens. Commissioner Sessions recognizes his efforts and encourages him to keep up the good work. With regards to the grease trap situation stating earlier, there are many small businesses on Avenue D and he encourages Mr. Lindstrom to investigate it further.

Commissioner Becht inquired of the status of the Melody Lane Fishing Pier as well as a left turn lane onto Virginia Avenue from southbound US Highway 1. Mr. Bradshaw responded the pier project is fully funded and moving forward. Mr. Andrews added the design plans are completed and the manufacturing of the pile caps has already begun. As to the turn lane onto Virginia Avenue, Mr. Andrews stated the intersection was approved by FDOT for the Plaza and during the approval process Mr. Andrews made a recommendation to make a right turn lane a condition of approval. They did not include that as a condition. The City has since gone back to DOT requesting funding for the turn lane, they have provided funding for design and right of way acquisition with the funds being available in in the years 2016 to 2017. The project is moving forward; in the meantime they will be looking into changing the timings of the intersection to shorten up Virginia Avenue. Commissioner Becht is interested in getting feedback on the ability to issue a fine onto a UA bill for someone that overloads, or does not properly seal their garbage can. This then enables garbage to blow around the neighborhood, thus creating blighted areas due to loose trash in the community. Lastly, he spoke with one of the FPUA board members during the 4th of July festivities and was able to talk favorably about allocating some funds in a dollar for dollar match with the City towards creating a fund to help people build their grease traps. The grease trap phenomenon is not an FPUA creation, it is not a City creation, and it is a State mandate. He wanted to say thank you to everyone involved with the July 4th festivities; it was a great turnout as evidenced by the 45 minute line of traffic trying to leave afterwards. Closing on a positive note, on tonight's agenda there was the site plan for Mosaics which is a 14,500 square foot building, Lawnwood's Pavilion was 13,412 square feet of new construction and Rocla 16,872 square feet of new construction; not a bad night.

Mayor Hudson has been meeting with the manufacturers who are trying to organize; she stated the fact that the City does have manufacturers who want to organize is something that is sometimes overlooked. She is sure Rocla will be interested in joining that team. She wanted to thank the Allegany Franciscan Ministries for the meeting last week on the Common Good Initiative; it was quite a turnout noting that Lincoln Park community had a great crowd at the Percy Peak Gym. She also wanted to thank the Chief and the Police Department for a safe holiday weekend and successful downtown events. There were many good comments about the police presence. She wanted to recognize the Lincoln Park Council of Ministers who held their launching meeting on the memorial they are going to have on Avenue D. Special thanks to Pastor Brown and his wife.

16. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business Mayor Hudson declared the meeting adjourned at 9:57 p.m.

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK

MAYOR COMMISSIONER