

Roy Darby spoke about pet droppings enforcement and pet population.

Seeing no one else, Mayor Hudson closed the public hearing.

Commissioner Sessions stated that he feels that it will be a culture shock since the new regulations are costly. He hopes that staff will not be stringent and focus on the educational standpoint. He would like to be updated on the progress. Further Commission discussion included sending the Commission a report on the results from the whole City. This is a mirror of the County program that has been enacted for approximately a year. The goal is not money but for the animals to be treated humanely. The Commission requested copies of the educational brochures that will be made available to residents.

Motion was made by Commissioner Thomas Perona, seconded by Commissioner Reginald Sessions to approve item **11a**.

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

Passed

- b. Ordinance No. 16-016 - An Ordinance amending City Code Section 10-1 - Penalties to reference penalties established in Chapter 2 and Section 10-23 Regulations amending the payment and appeal process for parking citations. **SECOND READING**

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

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF FORT PIERCE, FLORIDA; AMENDING CHAPTER 10 – MOTOR VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC, ARTICLE I, BY AMENDING SEC. 10-1 – PENALTIES TO REFERENCE PENALTIES ESTABLISHED IN CHAPTER 2 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF FORT PIERCE AND; AMENDING ARTICLE II – STOPPING, STANDING AND PARKING; DIVISION 1 – GENERALLY, SEC. 10-23 – REGULATIONS AMENDING THE PAYMENT AND APPEAL PROCESSES FOR PARKING CITATIONS AND; PROVIDING FOR A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; REPEALING ORDINANCES OR PARTS THEREOF IN CONFLICT HEREWITH; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Peggy Arraiz, Code Compliance Manager, stated that there was one amendment to the definition of a repeat violator, adding the time frame of within a year. She confirmed that this amendment is to change the process and bring it in-house.

Commissioner Alexander inquired about 2- hour parking on the street and now in the J. C. Penney lot. Mr. Mimms indicated that the parking situation and enforcement was discussed at a recent parking workshop. Mr. Mimms explained that we trying to identify solutions; if we're not prepared, we'll see more frustration and we don't want visitors to be dissuaded from visiting the downtown area; we want to facilitate success for the business, agencies, municipal government and county government.

Mayor Hudson opened the public hearing.

Steve Tarr spoke in support of 2-hour parking on the street and in the lot.

Charlie Frank Matthews spoke in opposition to 2-hour parking.

Mike Crowder spoke in support of 2-hour parking.

Hans Kraaz spoke in opposition of 2-hour parking.

Charles Gannon wanted to hear everyone's point.

Michael MacLeod spoke in support of 2-hour parking.

Commissioner Becht indicated that the petition previously provided to the Commission was signed by many downtown businesses, including tenants of Mr. Kraaz. Commissioner Becht is concerned about not following through with what 95% of the merchants are requesting the City to do; many are saying it is a good idea.

Seeing no one else, Mayor Hudson closed the public hearing. Peggy Arraiz indicated that the ordinance being considered is to change the process for filing a citation.

Motion was made by Commissioner Thomas Perona, seconded by Commissioner Edward Becht to approve item **11b**.

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

Passed