

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, SEPTEMBER 19, 2016.

1. **CALL TO ORDER** - Mayor Hudson called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.
2. **OPENING PRAYER** - Father Yves Geffrad, Notre Dame Catholic Mission 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 Nicholas Mimms
City Attorney James Messer
5. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
 - a. Approval of Minutes from the September 6, 2016 regular meeting and the September 12, 2016 Special Meeting.

Motion was made by Commissioner Thomas Perona, to approve the minutes from the September 6, 2016 regular meeting and the September 12, 2016 special meeting.

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

Passed
6. **PROCLAMATIONS**
 - a. Special Introduction by Clay Lindstrom, Director of Utilities, of Jacob Williams, FMPA General Manager and other members of their leadership team.

Jacob Williams, FMPA General Manager, gave a brief introduction and discussed the direction of FMPA which is to provide low cost power and have clean assets. Commission discussion included being grateful for the communication between the City and FPMA management as well as the focus on providing affordable utilities.
 - b. Mayor Hudson issued a proclamation recognizing September 25, 2016 as Parent's of Murdered Children Day of Remembrance.
 - c. Mayor Hudson issued a proclamation recognizing September 2016 as Hunger Action Month.
 - d. Mayor Hudson issued a proclamation recognizing September 28, 2016 as Dad's Take your Child to School Day.
7. **LETTERS TO COMMISSION** - Copies of these letters will be on file at the City Clerk's office.
 - a. Letter from Dan and Barbara Conroy thanking the staff from the Parks and Grounds Division for their continuous dedication and determination in keeping Jaycee Park beautiful.
 - b. Email from Dianne S. McKee thanking Paul Bertram and Public Works staff for addressing their concerns in a professional and timely manner.
8. **COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC ON AGENDA ITEMS NOT REQUIRING PUBLIC HEARINGS** - There were no comments from the public.
9. **ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS TO AGENDA AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Nicholas Mimms, City Manager, would like to pull item **13a**. It will be brought back at the next commission meeting.

Motion was made by Commissioner Edward Becht, seconded by Commissioner Rufus Alexander to pull item **13a**.

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

Passed

Motion was made by Commissioner Rufus Alexander, seconded by Commissioner Thomas Perona to approve the remainder of the agenda.

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

Passed

10. CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Request from David Buryanek, 1811 S. 30th Street, Ft. Pierce, FL for an extension of 12 months to pay the two reduced code enforcement liens and lot clearing lien in the amount of \$2,500.00 against 1815 S. 30th Street, parcel ID no. 2417-506-0105-000-5.
- b. Approve grant award for Mr. Wilson Ruiz for his business, W&J Caribe II Foods, Inc. in the amount of \$3,000 as an eligible recipient under the 2015-2016 CDBG Action Plan - Grant Award for Small Business.
- c. Approval to purchase two (2) Mercury 150 HP Boat Motors from Ameracat, Inc, Fort Pierce, FL, in the amount not to exceed \$16,000.00.
- d. Approval to award contract for emergency replacement of Commission Chambers audio and presentation equipment to VIVID A/V Solutions in an amount not to exceed \$124,101.
- e. Approval of Blanket Orders for Public Works for FY 2017 to ensure efficient maintenance, service and repair of all City owned facilities, amenities and equipment.
- f. Approve the repair and overhaul of the hydraulic boom lift on Vehicle # 21368 by Stamm Manufacturing in an amount not to exceed \$14,280.40.
- g. Request the purchase of two (2) 60" Dixie Choppers mowers in the amount not to exceed \$19,868.

Motion was made by Commissioner Edward Becht, seconded by Commissioner Rufus Alexander to approve all items on the consent agenda.

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

Passed

11. PUBLIC HEARINGS

- a. Ordinance No. 16-017 amending Chapter 2 Sections 2-254, 2-259 and 2-260(b) of the Code of Ordinances to establish new procedures for processing citations and amending the Classes of Violations. 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 2, ARTICLE XIII.5, ENTITLED "SUPPLEMENTAL MUNICIPAL CODE ENFORCEMENT PROCEDURES"; AMENDING SECTION 2-254 CITATION AUTHORIZATION; VIOLATION AS CIVIL INFRACTION; MAXIMUM CIVIL PENALTY; AMENDING SEC. 2-257 – FORM OF CONTENTS OF CITATION; FILING WITH COURT; AMENDING SEC. 2-259 - PROCESSING CITATIONS; PAYMENT OF FINES; HEARINGS; AND AMENDING SECTION 2-260 (B) RELATING TO CLASSES OF VIOLATIONS AND CIVIL PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS OF CITY CODES CONSTITUTING CIVIL INFRACTIONS; PROVIDING FOR A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; REPEALING ORDINANCES OR PARTS THEREOF IN CONFLICT HEREWITH; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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 Edward Becht to approve item **11a**.

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

Passed

- b. Ordinance No. 16-018 correcting a scrivener's error in classification of dwelling rentals in certain zoning districts within the use table. SECOND READING

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

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF FORT PIERCE, FLORIDA; AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. L-295 IN ORDER TO CORRECT SCRIVENERS ERROR IN CLASSIFICATION OF DWELLING RENTALS IN CERTAIN ZONING WITHIN THE ADOPTED ZONING USE TABLE; ASSIGNING THE ACCURATE CLASSIFICATION WITHIN THE ADOPTED USE TABLE OF SECTION 22-22 OF THE CITY CODE OF ORDINANCES; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL OF ORDINANCES OR PARTS THEREOF IN CONFLICT; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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 item **11b**.

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

Passed

- c. Ordinance No. 16-019 Levying and collecting taxes for Fiscal Year beginning October 1, 2016 and ending September 30, 2017; adopting Final Millage Rate. SECOND READING

Linda Cox, City Clerk, read the Ordinance, in its entirety, into the record.

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF FORT PIERCE, FLORIDA; PROVIDING FOR THE LEVYING AND COLLECTING OF TAXES FOR THE CITY OF FORT PIERCE, FLORIDA, FOR FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2016 AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2017, FOR THE PURPOSE OF RAISING SUCH AMOUNT AS MAY BE NECESSARY TO CARRY ON THE GOVERNMENT OF SAID CITY DURING SAID FISCAL YEAR AND TO PAY FUNDS SO COLLECTED INTO THE ACCOUNTS PROVIDED THEREFOR; ADOPTING THE CITY OF FORT PIERCE 2016-17 FISCAL YEAR FINAL MILLAGE RATE; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF FORT PIERCE, FLORIDA:

SECTION 1. The final millage rate of the City of Fort Pierce, Florida, for the Fiscal Year 2016-17 is hereby levied at the rate of 6.9000 per thousand dollar valuation for general City purposes; said rate being in excess of the roll-back rate by 4.76%.

SECTION 2. The City Commission of the City of Fort Pierce, Florida hereby levies a tax of 6.9000 per thousand dollar valuation on all real and personal property within the corporate limits of said City, subject to tax on the first day of January 2016, provided however that such 6.9000 shall not be levied upon property in the City of Fort Pierce exempt under state statute or federal constitution.

SECTION 3. That the City Manager is hereby instructed and directed to certify to the St. Lucie County Property Appraiser the above and forgoing enumerated Millage to be levied for all purposes, for the 2016-17 fiscal year in the said City of Fort Pierce, Florida, pursuant to the provision of the laws of the State of Florida and the Charter of the City of Fort Pierce.

SECTION 4. This ordinance shall be and become effective October 1, 2016.

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 Reginald Sessions to approve item **11c**.

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

Passed

- d. Ordinance No. 16-020 Adopting a Final Budget for Fiscal Year 2017, beginning October 1, 2016 and ending September 30, 2017. SECOND READING

Linda Cox, City Clerk, read the Ordinance, in its entirety, into the record.

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF FORT PIERCE, FLORIDA; ADOPTING A FINAL BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF FORT PIERCE, FLORIDA, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2016, AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2017; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF FORT PIERCE, FLORIDA:

SECTION 1. The City Commission of Fort Pierce, Florida after having held a public hearing, hereby adopts as its final budget for the operation of the government of said City for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2016 and ending September 30, 2017, the estimates made by the City Manager of said City presented to the City Commission on September 06, 2016, which detailed amended estimates are now on file with the City Clerk and the Director of Finance.

SECTION 2. That it shall be the duty of the City Manager to set up the aforesaid appropriation of revenues and expenses on the account records of said City, to keep such accounts thereof, as required by the Charter of said City, as may be directed from time to time by the City Commission.

SECTION 3. This ordinance shall be and become effective October 1, 2016.

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 item **11d**.

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

Passed

12. MISCELLANEOUS REPORTS & REQUESTS

- a. One-half (1/2) cent surtax for St. Lucie County presentation by Howard Tipton, St. Lucie County Administrator.

Howard Tipton, Saint Lucie County Administrator, gave a brief presentation on education and outreach efforts to the one-half cent surtax that will be on the upcoming ballot on November 8, 2016. This tax will go towards the \$1.2 million backlog of projected infrastructure projects county-wide. This includes roads, water quality, sidewalks and public safety. The sales tax will give our visitors a chance to participate in paying for the infrastructure they are using. The outreach and education efforts include public presentations, putting together a Citizens Oversight Committee, consistent presentation materials and website development/rollout. Erick Gill, Communications Division Director, gave a brief presentation on the website, SLChalfcent.org, which is easy to navigate and outlines the immediate projects slated for the first five (5) years. This effort has been in collaboration between the City of Port Saint Lucie, City of Fort Pierce and St. Lucie County. The projected additional revenue is \$1.5M - \$2M on an annual basis.

Commission discussion included how to set up Citizens Oversight Committee, capital budgets projects and working as team moving forward.

- b. Presentation by Fort Pierce youth on their attendance of the Preventing Crime in the Black Community Conference.

Youth from the City of Fort Pierce provided an update on their trip to the conference and the 8 week outreach program which included team building exercises, how to keep a positive attitude and problem solving skills. Since the conference, they have hosted a peace rally which provided insight on education, social media and communication with adults. They thanked the City of Fort Pierce staff for their assistance at various events. Shaneik Maynard, Executive Director, Roundtable of St. Lucie County, was happy to report that the youth came back with reports and solutions. She thanked the Commission for their support.

c. Fort Pierce City of Lights Decorating Contest

Shyanne Helms, Communications Manager, gave an overview of a concept for this program. Anyone within the City of Fort Pierce is eligible to participate. The categories are residence, business, neighborhood and apt/condo. The proposed deadline is December 15 with prizes and an awards ceremony. We may be able to get a website for registration and voting purposes. Commission discussion included having public feedback, a possible FPUA sponsorship and how to promote within the community and beyond.

d. Monthly Financial Report for the Month Ending August 31, 2016

Johnna Morris, Director of Finance, gave a brief presentation on the monthly financial report. All funds with the exception of the golf course and Sunrise Theatre are stable. The Sunrise is on target because of a pending transfer.

13. CITY COMMISSION

- a. Resolution 16-R45 Re-appointing Darryl Bey to serve on the Fort Pierce Utilities Authority Board - This item will be brought back at the next meeting.
- b. Resolution 16-R46 approving the Mayor's appointment of Patricia L. Diaz to fill the unexpired term of James H. Brown as a place holder for resolution appointing member to housing authority.

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

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF FORT PIERCE, FLORIDA, CERTIFYING THE MAYOR'S APPOINTMENT OF PATRICIA L. DIAZ AS A COMMISSIONER OF THE HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF FORT PIERCE; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Motion was made by Commissioner Thomas Perona, seconded by Commissioner Reginald Sessions to approve item **13b**.

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

- c. Approval of letter supporting the submittal of a Mobility Enhancement Grant application by the St. Lucie County Community Transportation Coordinator to the Florida Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged.

Motion was made by Commissioner Edward Becht, seconded by Commissioner Rufus Alexander to approve item **13c**.

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

14. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Charles Gannon
Andrew Watters

15. COMMENTS FROM THE CITY MANAGER

Nicholas Mimms, City Manager, announced the joint meeting on November 10, 2016 with Saint Lucie County to discuss the Port of Fort Pierce, the anti-tethering education materials are ready for distribution and an update regarding working with the police department on training and community-driven enhancements which include an upcoming visit from the FDLE. He also provided an update on the grand jury schedule for the Demarcus Semer case and mentioned that Veteran's Memorial Park is coming along beautifully and references every branch of service.

16. COMMENTS FROM THE COMMISSION

Commissioner Alexander had no comments.

Commissioner Perona announced donations of dog houses and fences and seeks assistance from public works for storage.

Commissioner Sessions stated that he hopes that the community is ready for the outcome of the grand jury findings for the Demarcus Semer case. He hopes for peace and rationality.

Commissioner Becht thanked the Youth for their presentation on their conference visit. The City of Lights is a great idea. He would like to discuss a budget review committee comprised of staff that may be helpful. He would like to review moving the Commission parking spots on the second floor.

Mayor Hudson announced Dancing with our Pals on October 1 at the Sunrise Theatre.

17. ADJOURNMENT - There being no further business, Mayor Hudson declared the meeting adjourned at 8:24 p.m.

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK

MAYOR COMMISSIONER