

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, AUGUST 21, 2017.

1. **CALL TO ORDER** - Mayor Hudson called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.
2. **OPENING PRAYER** - Pastor Harry Shaw, Good News Missionary Baptist Church, gave the opening prayer.
3. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
4. **ROLL CALL**

Present: Mayor Linda Hudson; Commissioner Rufus Alexander; Commissioner Jeremiah Johnson; Commissioner Thomas Perona; Commissioner Reginald Sessions

Staff Present: City Attorney James Messer
City Clerk Linda Cox
City Manager Nicholas Mimms

5. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- a. Approval of minutes from the August 1, 2017 special meeting and the August 7, 2017 regular meeting.

Motion was made by Commissioner Thomas Perona, seconded by Commissioner Jeremiah Johnson to approve the minutes from the August 1, 2017 special meeting and the August 7, 2017 regular meeting.

AYE: Commissioner Rufus Alexander, Commissioner Jeremiah Johnson, Commissioner Thomas Perona, Commissioner Reginald Sessions, Mayor Linda Hudson

Passed

6. **PROCLAMATIONS** - There were no proclamations.

7. **LETTERS TO COMMISSION** - A copy of the following letters will be kept on file at the City Clerk's office.

- a. Email from Julia Zavala in recognition of Sgt. Tumblin and Officer Colvin's excellence and patience when they came to the assistance of her brother.
- b. Email from Anita Prentice thanking Libby Woodruff, Grants Administration Manager, for providing City of Fort Pierce information bags for the teachers who attended an event hosted by Florida Humanities Council.
- c. Email from M. Virginia Barnes expressing her appreciation of Caleta Scott, Deputy City Clerk, being extremely helpful and knowledgeable in response to her inquiry about the Business Tax Receipt.

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

Steven Enns - item **10b**

9. **ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS TO AGENDA AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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

AYE: Commissioner Rufus Alexander, Commissioner Jeremiah Johnson, Commissioner Thomas Perona, Commissioner Reginald Sessions, Mayor Linda Hudson
Passed

10. **CONSENT AGENDA**

- a. Approval of Specific Authorization No. 4 in an amount not to exceed \$135,875 (\$50,000 reimbursement by FDOT, \$85,875 City cost) for professional engineering services relating to the Ohio Avenue Realignment and Signalization project located between South 3rd Street and U.S. Highway One.
- b. Approval to enter into a 1-year contract with International Golf Maintenance, Inc. (IGM) consistent with the Indian River County Contract for Golf Course Maintenance, RFP Number 7054, in an amount not to exceed \$567,476.00.
- c. Approve proposal between the City of Fort Pierce and St. Lucie County UF/IFAS Extension Service FY 2017-2018 in the amount of \$10,000 to provide Watershed and Lagoon Life education to the citizens of the City of Fort Pierce to meet the City's National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) educational requirements.

Commissioner Perona requested to pull item **10b**.

Motion was made by Commissioner Jeremiah Johnson, seconded by Commissioner Rufus Alexander to approve items **10a** and **10c**.

AYE: Commissioner Rufus Alexander, Commissioner Jeremiah Johnson, Commissioner Thomas Perona, Commissioner Reginald Sessions, Mayor Linda Hudson
Passed

As to item **10b**, Commissioner Johnson asked Mr. Mimms to talk about the discussions with IGM. Mr. Mimms, City Manager, stated that our golf professionals will be included in contractual negotiations. Results from the public workshop proved that overall course maintenance was a top priority. The goal is to no longer transfer funds from general funds to Indian Hills Golf Course.

Commission discussion included staff opportunities during the transition, overall course conditions, and general fund transfers. This is a one year contract that allows the City to move forward and be mindful to how it develops.

Motion was made by Commissioner Jeremiah Johnson, seconded by Commissioner Thomas Perona to approve item **10b**.

AYE: Commissioner Rufus Alexander, Commissioner Jeremiah Johnson, Commissioner Thomas Perona, Commissioner Reginald Sessions, Mayor Linda Hudson

Passed

11. PUBLIC HEARINGS

- a. Legislative Hearing - Ordinance No. 17-024, Reducing the number of Planning Board Members. SECOND READING

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

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE PROVISIONS OF FORT PIERCE CODE OF ORDINANCES CHAPTER 2, ARTICLE XII, SECTIONS 2-221 AND 2-223, REDUCING THE NUMBER OF PLANNING BOARD MEMBERS AND ELIMINATING ITS POWER TO ADOPT RULES AND REGULATIONS; PROVIDING FOR A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS THEREOF IN CONFLICT; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Mayor Hudson opened the public hearing.

Marcia Baker spoke about her concerns.

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

James Messer, City Attorney, stated that once appointed, the board member is seated until they are removed or the Commissioner is no longer in office. He confirmed that members of any board are always exposed to removal without cause by the Commission. Mr. Messer believes that the concerns mentioned should resolve themselves.

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

AYE: Commissioner Rufus Alexander, Commissioner Jeremiah Johnson, Commissioner Thomas Perona, Commissioner Reginald Sessions, Mayor Linda Hudson

Passed

12. MISCELLANEOUS REPORTS & REQUESTS - There were no reports or requests.

13. CITY COMMISSION

- a. Resolution 17-R26 approving technical revisions to State Housing Initiatives Partnership (SHIP) Local Housing Assistance Plan (LHAP) for 2015-2016, 2016-2017 and 2017-2018.

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

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF FORT PIERCE, FLORIDA, APPROVING TECHNICAL REVISIONS TO THE LOCAL HOUSING ASSISTANCE PLAN (LHAP) FOR FISCAL YEARS 2015- 2016, 2016-2017 AND 2017-2018, AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE ANY REQUIRED DOCUMENTS AND CERTIFICATIONS RELATED TO THE REVISED LHAP; AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO APPROVE EXPENDITURES OF FUNDS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE REVISED LHAP; AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF THE REVISED LHAP TO THE FLORIDA HOUSING FINANCE CORPORATION; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Libby Woodruff, Grants Manager, gave a brief presentation and was available for questions. Proposed revisions would allow for more work to be done in the community. Commission discussion included investing in our housing stock and the procurement of local contractors.

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

AYE: Commissioner Rufus Alexander, Commissioner Jeremiah Johnson, Commissioner Thomas Perona, Commissioner Reginald Sessions, Mayor Linda Hudson
Passed

b. Resolution 17-R27 Removing and Appointing Planning Board Members

Linda Cox, City Clerk, asked Commissioner to make appointments individually.

Commissioner Alexander appointed Caroline Sessions.
Commissioner Johnson appointed Frank Creyaufmiller.
Commissioner Perona appointed Bob Burdge.
Commissioner Sessions appointed John George.
Mayor Hudson appointed Michael Broderick.

Motion was made by Commissioner Thomas Perona, seconded by Commissioner Rufus Alexander to appoint Marcia Baker.

AYE: Commissioner Rufus Alexander, Commissioner Jeremiah Johnson, Commissioner Thomas Perona, Commissioner Reginald Sessions, Mayor Linda Hudson
Passed

Motion was made by Commissioner Jeremiah Johnson, seconded by Commissioner Rufus Alexander to appoint Tim O'Connell.

AYE: Commissioner Rufus Alexander, Commissioner Jeremiah Johnson, Commissioner Thomas Perona, Commissioner Reginald Sessions, Mayor Linda Hudson
Passed

Motion was made by Commissioner Rufus Alexander, seconded by Commissioner Reginald Sessions to appoint Brian Paul as the alternate.

AYE: Commissioner Rufus Alexander, Commissioner Jeremiah Johnson, Commissioner Thomas Perona, Commissioner Reginald Sessions, Mayor Linda Hudson
Passed

Linda Cox, City Clerk, read the Resolution, in its entirety, into the record as follows.

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF FORT PIERCE, FLORIDA, REMOVING EXISTING BOARD MEMBERS AND CERTIFYING THE APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO THE CITY PLANNING BOARD; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

The members being appointed are Caroline Sessions, Frank Creyaufmiller, Bob Burdge, John George, Michael Broderick, Marcia Baker, Tim O'Connell, and Brian Paul.

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

AYE: Commissioner Rufus Alexander, Commissioner Jeremiah Johnson, Commissioner Thomas Perona, Commissioner Reginald Sessions, Mayor Linda Hudson

Passed

- c. Resolution 17-R28 approving the adoption of the amended Solid Waste Administrative guidelines and the schedule of fees for collection and disposal of garbage and trash.

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

A RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF FORT PIERCE, FLORIDA; ADOPTING THE AMENDED SOLID WASTE ADMINISTRATIVE GUIDELINES AND APPROVING THE SCHEDULE OF FEES FOR COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL OF GARBAGE AND TRASH AS SET OUT IN THE SOLID WASTE ADMINISTRATIVE GUIDELINES BY THE CITY MANAGER IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 16-31 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF FORT PIERCE, FLORIDA; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Mike Reals, Public Works Director, appeared and was available for questions.

Commission discussion included single days for picking up household garbage, availability of Solid Waste funds, increasing costs, efficiency savings, recycling education and participation rates. This increase will allow for an investment back into the Solid Waste department.

Motion was made by Commissioner Reginald Sessions, seconded by Commissioner Jeremiah Johnson to approve item **13c**.

AYE: Commissioner Rufus Alexander, Commissioner Jeremiah Johnson, Commissioner Thomas Perona, Commissioner Reginald Sessions, Mayor Linda Hudson

Passed

14. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Dr. Gina Dean

15. COMMENTS FROM THE CITY MANAGER

Nicholas Mimms, City Manager, highlighted Peacock Arts District (PAD) energy and the partnerships that will help to revitalize the area. On Thursday, August 24 at 6 p.m. there will be a Medical Marijuana informational public workshop. There will be public comment and general discussion. The Budget Hearings are scheduled: Tuesday, Sept 5 at 5:30 p.m., Millage Rate & Budget Ordinance first reading will take place on Sept 11 at 5:05 pm , FPRA Budget Hearing at 5:45 p.m., Millage Rate & Budget Ordinance second reading will take place on Sept 18.

16. COMMENTS FROM THE COMMISSION

Commissioner Alexander was happy to see fellow Commissioner Johnson at the FLC Conference in Orlando. He brought back some ideas and materials will forward to Mr. Mimms.

Commissioner Perona congratulated Main Street Fort Pierce for a great Reverse Raffle event.

Commissioner Sessions stated that the Sandi Paws event will be on Saturday, September 9 at 3 p.m. at Marina Square.

Commissioner Johnson learned a lot of great things at the FLC Conference, August has been busy with events such as 1st Annual Minority Business Expo and Swordfish Shootout. The County has received a certificate of occupancy for customs building at the airport, the

TCERDA building is moving forward at the Research Park. His son is going to college this week and he hopes to be here for the workshop on Thursday.

Mayor Hudson thanked Dr. Gina Dean and looks forward to the event. The TV channel is looking great and benefits many citizens that want to watch the meetings.

17. **ADJOURNMENT** - There being no further business, Mayor Hudson declared the meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK

MAYOR COMMISSIONER