

December 14, 2018

Mayor Linda Hudson, Mayor
Commissioner Jeremiah Johnson
Commissioner Rufus Alexander
Commissioner Reggie Sessions

Dear Fellow Commissioners:

I met with Bob Burdge last week and we talked about his role on the Planning Board. He has had a hard time with the recent changes the commission made that affected his board. As chairman, he felt the it was his responsibility to voice any issues that he had with the new structure as it dealt with the function of the board.

In my conversation with him, I spoke about the need for these changes as they relate to new laws and updated city policies. To say the least, Bob is intense and takes his roll as chairman very seriously. We both agreed that he may not be best suited to lead the Planning Board through these improvements and; therefore, has stepped down as chairman. He has asked to stay on the board as a regular member.

As a retired St. Lucie County Teacher and a past Fort Pierce City Commissioner, I would be hard pressed to replace Bob with someone of his experience and knowledge. Volunteers for our many different boards sacrifice their time and efforts to help guide our city. They have made an investment in the governance of their community and should be given every possible consideration for their commitment. I feel compelled to ask my fellow commissioners to indulge me in my continued support and appointment of Bob Burdge.

Thank you.

Sincerely,



Tom Perona
Commissioner District 2