

# CITY OF FORT PIERCE

## CONFERENCE AGENDA

Conference Agenda Meeting - Monday, September 10, 2018 - 9:00 a.m.  
City Hall - Commission Chambers, 100 North U.S. #1, Fort Pierce, Florida

1. **Call to Order**
2. **Pledge of Allegiance**
3. **Roll Call**
4. **New Business**
  - a. Achieving Our Vision - Strategic Plan 2018 Goals Update
  - b. Discussion on implementing a "Food for Fines" program, which would allow violators to pay a portion of their parking citation with canned food to be donated to the Treasure Coast Food Bank.
  - c. Update on Lincoln Park Revitalization Projects
  - d. Fort Pierce Police Department's Community Engagement Initiatives - An overview of accomplishments and future endeavors will be discussed.
5. **City Commission Boards and Committees Updates**
6. **Adjournment**

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**City Commission Conference Agenda**

**4.a.**

**Meeting Date:** 09/10/2018

**Re:** Strategic Plan 2018 Goals Update

**Submitted For:** Nick Mimms, City Manager, City Manager

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**SUBJECT:**

Achieving Our Vision - Strategic Plan 2018 Goals Update

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**Attachments**

Achieving Our Vision

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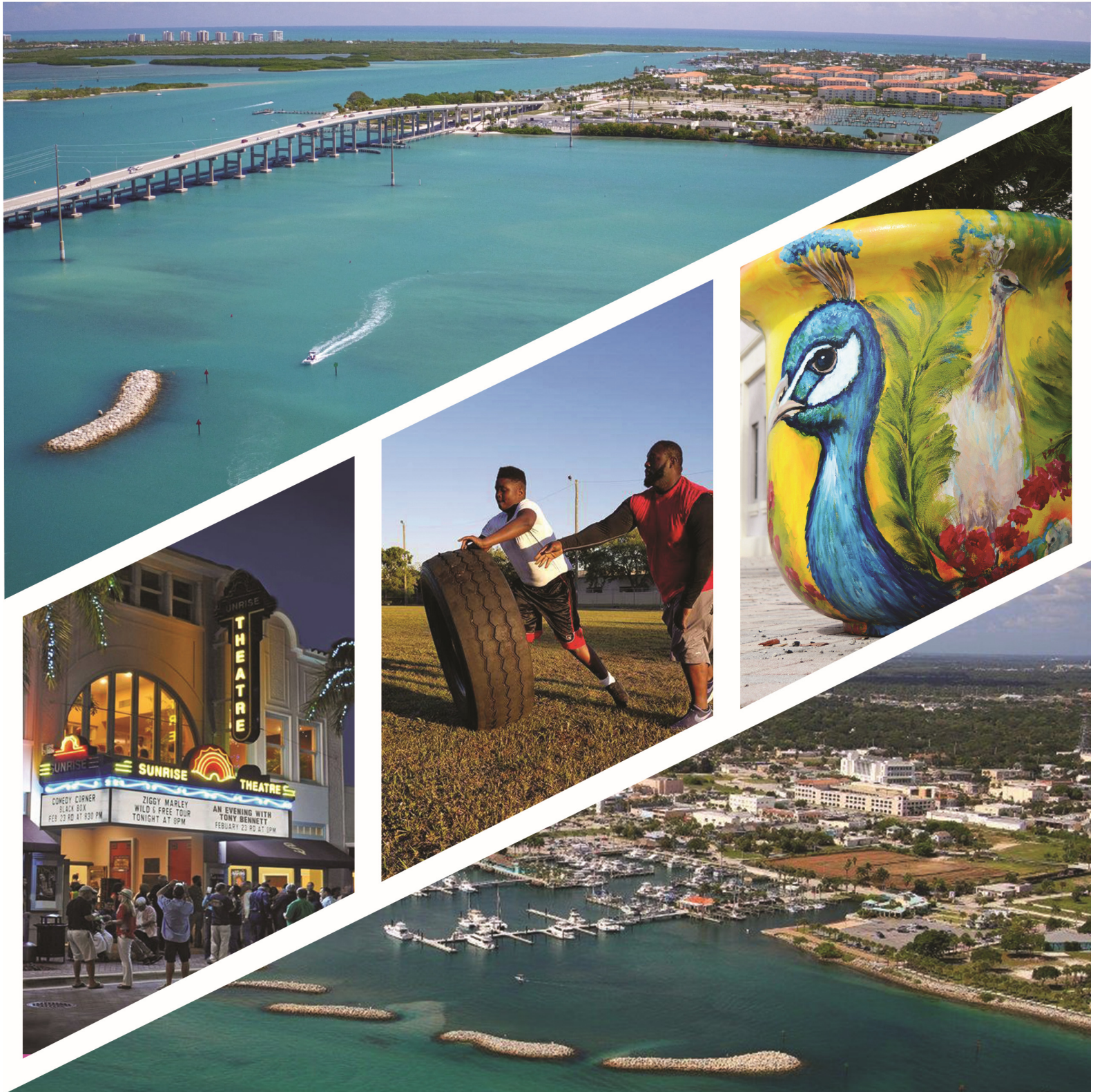
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# ACHIEVING OUR VISION

## FORT PIERCE STRATEGIC PLAN 2018

AUGUST 1, 2018



# FORT PIERCE Strategic Plan 2018 Goals



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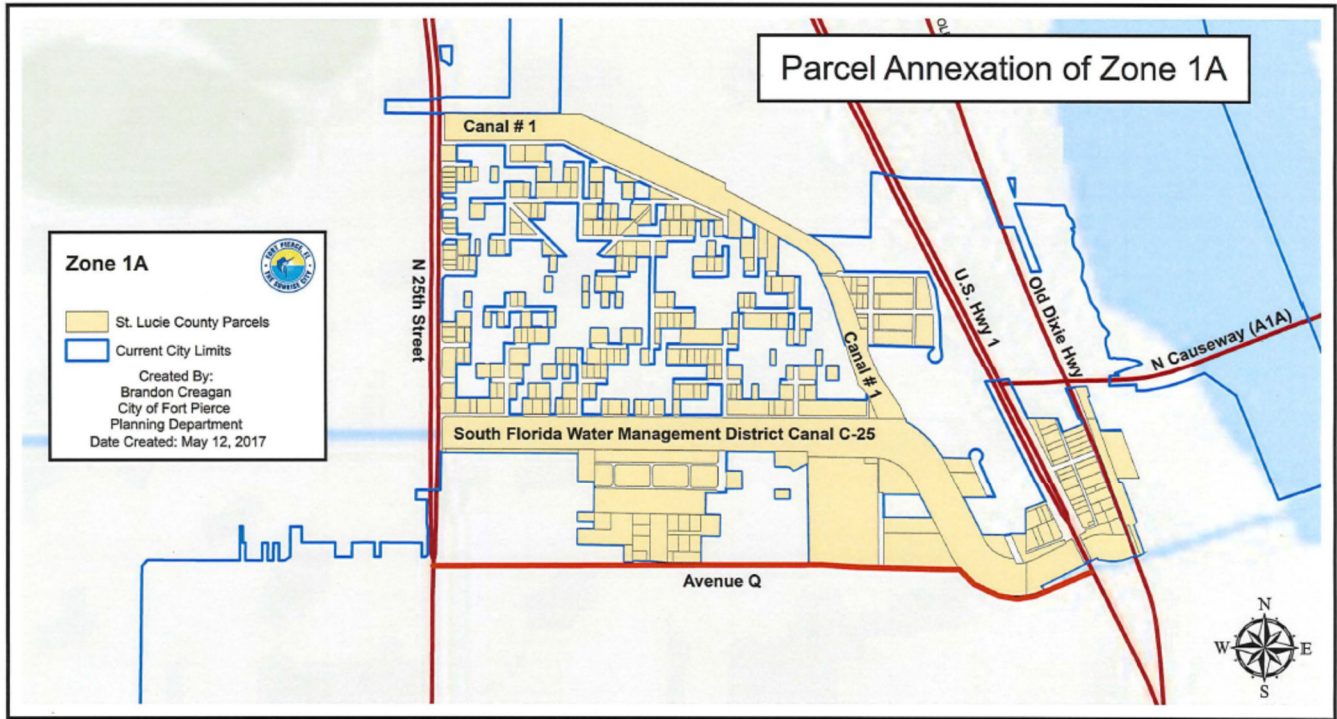
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**G1** GOAL 1: Negotiate Interlocal Service Boundary Agreement (ISBA) with St. Lucie County



**Responsibility: Planning**

Milestones		Status as of August 1, 2018
1. Receive response from St. Lucie County	4/18	Completed.
2. Negotiate ISBA with St. Lucie County	4/19	Awaiting draft from St. Lucie County. City and County staff have met several times to discuss aspects of the Interlocal Service Boundary Agreement.
3. Commission Decision: Individual parcel annexations	TBD	

**G2** GOAL 2: Port Development – Next Steps



**A. Operations of Mega Yacht Service (Coordinated with St. Lucie County)**

Responsibility: City Manager

Milestones		Status as of August 1, 2018
1. County finalizes RFQ for Operations	5/18	Completed.
2. County issues RFQ	5/18	Completed.
3. County receives RFQ responses	7/18	Saint Lucie County has held the first meeting of the Selection Committee yielding a recommendation to accept the Statement of Qualifications for the two proposers. The SLC BOCC subsequently agreed to a short list of two proposals for the mega-yacht operation.
4. County evaluates RFQ responses	11/18	
5. County selects Operator	11/19	

**B. Port Master Plan Update (St. Lucie County)**

Responsibility: St. Lucie County

Milestones		Status as of August 1, 2018
1. Selection of Consultant by County	11/18	
2. Completion of Port Master Plan Update	2019	



**G3** GOAL 3: Street Resurfacing: Service Level and Funding



Responsibility: Engineering

Milestones		Status as of August 1, 2018
1. Identify streets	4/18	Completed.
2. Obtain proposal for resurfacing	5/18	Completed.
3. Prepare report	5/18	Completed.
4. Commission Decision: Notice to Proceed	5/18	Completed.
5. Develop budget proposal	6/18	Completed.
6. Construction: resurfacing projects	7/18	90% Completed. Construction began on July 16, 2018. All street resurfacing has been completed; pavement markings to completed within 2 weeks. Construction on the repair of crosswalks on Avenue D between 7th and 25th Street is 50% completed. Total project to be completed by the end of August.
7. Commission Decision: Budget FY 2019	9/18	



**G4** GOAL 4: Seaplane Base and Service: Direction and City Action



**Responsibility: City Manager**

Milestones		Status as of August 1, 2018
1. Identify location	5/18	Completed.
2. Permit Applications: Florida Aviation Administration, South Florida Water Management District	18/18	City Staff currently researching development and designation procedures to create seaplane operation in Downtown Fort Pierce. Officials from other municipalities and the Seaplane Pilots Association are providing consultation for this development concept.
3. Commission Presentation	10/18	

**G5** GOAL 5: Wastewater Treatment Plant Relocation

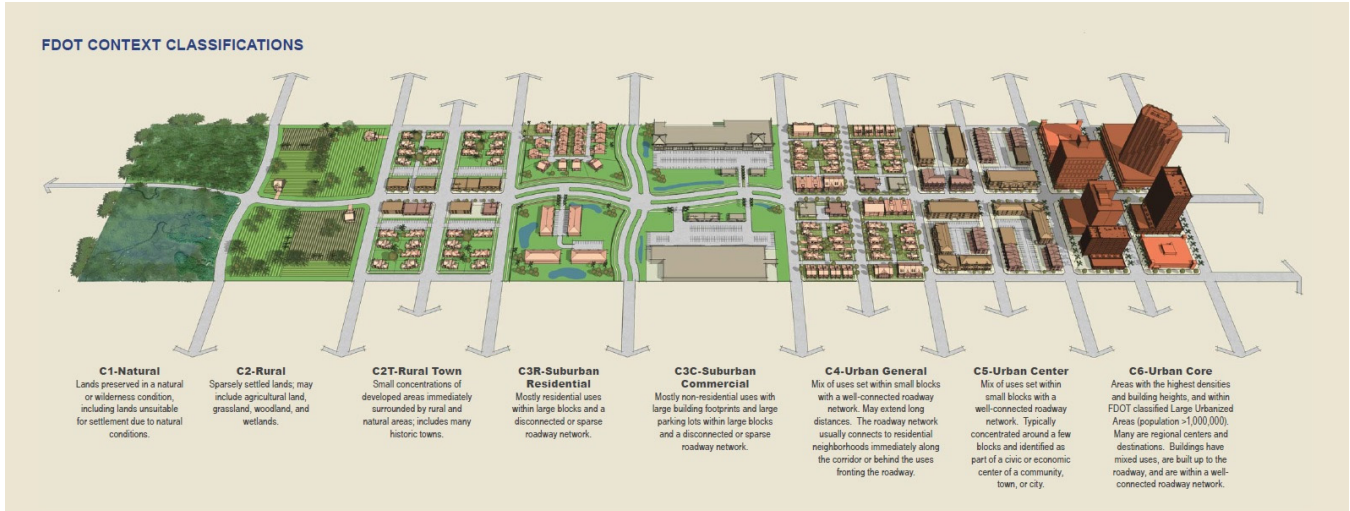


Responsibility: City Manager

Milestones		Status as of August 1, 2018
1. Present conceptual plan to Commission, FPUA and St. Lucie County	6/18	City Commission and FPUA jointly discussed the relocation during the joint workshop on June 11, 2018. Design and funding identification are the current tasks.
2. Negotiations with St. Lucie County and FPUA	Ongoing	



### G6 GOAL 6: Orange Avenue Corridor Beautification Plan



Responsibility: Planning

Milestones		Status as of August 1, 2018
1. Define "Complete" Streets and Project – Scope	6/18	Completed.
2. Commission Conference Agenda – Presentation and Direction	10/18	



**G7** GOAL 7: Neighborhood Infrastructure Upgrade Plan, Project, Priority and Funding



Responsibility: Engineering

Milestones		Status as of August 1, 2018
1. Review Capital Improvement Plan	5/18	Completed.
2. Prepare report	6/18	On hold. Possible project area to be considered will be S. 7th Street from Wendell Road to S. 10th Street and Ohio Avenue from S. 11th Street to US 1. No funding has been identified at this time. Possible funding source is dependent on outcome of proposed Surtax increase.
3. Commission Conference Agenda: Project	7/18	On hold.
4. Commission Decision: CIP FY 2019 Adoption	7/18	On hold.



**G8** GOAL 8: Downtown Hotel/Mixed Development: Request for Proposal, Agreement



Responsibility: City Manager

Milestones		Status as of August 1, 2018
1. Receive bids	3/18	Completed.
2. Presentation to Evaluation Committee	4/18	Completed.
3. Complete evaluation, develop recommendations	6/18	Completed.
4. Commission Decision: Select Developer	6/18	Completed.
5. Negotiate development agreement	10/18	Fort Pierce Redevelopment Agency directed staff to re-advertise the redevelopment opportunity following an updated appraisal and additional community input.
6. Commission Decision: Development Agreement	10/18	



#### **G9** GOAL 9: Dredging Marina and Channel



Responsibility: Marina

Milestones		Status as of August 1, 2018
1. Analyze proposal	3/18	Completed.
2. Commission Decision: Award Contract	4/18	Completed.
3. Complete dredging	9/18	Waiting for Purchasing Division to release the dredging contract awarded in the amount of \$374,000 to Gator Dredging. Work to start 30 days following. Estimated completion date is October 10, 2018.

#### **G10** GOAL 10: Comprehensive Plan Evaluation & Appraisal Report (EAR)

Responsibility: Planning

Milestones		Status as of August 1, 2018
1. Solicit consultant, issue RFP	5/18	Delivered a draft of the Professional Planning Services document to the Purchasing Division. Awaiting finalization.
2. Select consultant	7/18	
3. Commission Decision: Award Contract	7/18	
4. Complete EAR/Comprehensive Plan	11/18	
5. Commission: Initial Approval	12/18	
6. State Review and Response	2/19	
7. Commission Decision: Final Adoption	3/19	



**G11 GOAL 11: Expanded Bahamas Relations Strategy**



**Responsibility: City Manager**

<b>Milestones</b>		<b>Status as of August 1, 2018</b>
1. Meet Consul General	5/18	Completed.
2. Develop Sister City Partnership – Grand Bahamas Island	8/18	City Staff met with Consul General and has identified Sister City rationale that clearly benefits both the City of Fort Pierce and the Grand Bahama Island. Bahamian government officials and City Staff shall continue to work toward finalizing Sister City relationship.
3. Commission Decision: Sister City Agreement	10/18	



**G12** GOAL 12: Waterfront Restaurant & Bar: Request for Proposal (RFP), Contract/Lease.



Responsibility: City Clerk

Milestones		Status as of August 1, 2018	
1. Receive Request for Proposal	3/18	Completed.	
2. Evaluate proposal	4/18	Completed.	
3. Commission Decision: Award Contract/Lease	5/18	Completed.	

**G13** GOAL 13: Peacock Arts District Revitalization Plan



Responsibility: City Manager

Milestones		Status as of August 1, 2018
1. Commission Conference Agenda: Presentation and Direction	7/18	Completed.
2. Develop Overlay District	7/18	Completed.
3. Commission Decision: Overlay District	10/18	Peacock Arts District plan has been developed and next steps shall include additional community input, street pole banner contest, overlay ordinance approval, and update the district boundaries by resolution.



**G14** GOAL 14: Development Review Task Force: Report and Implementation



Responsibility: City Clerk

Milestones		Status as of August 1, 2018
1. Chamber of Commerce Report	6/18	Completed.
2. Commission Presentation: Recommendations and Direction	8/18	The final Chamber of Commerce Report has been received and will be presented to the City Commission at the Conference Agenda meeting on August 13.
3. Review/revise ordinance	10/18	
4. Commission Decision: Ordinance Changes	11/18	



**G15 GOAL 15: Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) Plan: Update**



**Responsibility: Planning**

<b>Milestones</b>		<b>Status as of August 1, 2018</b>
1. Issue Request for Proposal/Quotation	5/18	Delivered a draft of the Professional Planning Services document to the Purchasing Division. Awaiting finalization.
2. Receive response	8/18	
3. Evaluate and select consultant	8/18	
4. FPRA Board: CRA Award Contract	9/18	
5. Presentation: CRA Advisory Committee Input	12/18	
6. Develop CRA Plan Update	4/19	



### **G1** GOAL 1: Community Policing: Definition, Best Practices, Report with Options, Direction

Responsibility: Police

Milestones	Status as of August 1, 2018
1. Commission Conference Agenda: Report and Direction	9/18 City staff is preparing this Best Practice report for the Commission Conference Agenda. The timetable for this presentation is September 2018.

### **G2** GOAL 2: Community Youth Outreach to Diverse Population: Direction



Responsibility: Police

Milestones	Status as of August 1, 2018
1. Commission Conference Agenda: Report and Direction	9/18 City staff is preparing this Youth Outreach report for the Commission Conference Agenda. The timetable for this presentation is September 2018.



**G3** GOAL 3: Community Unity Strategy and Action Plan



**Responsibility: Information Technology**

Milestones		Status as of August 1, 2018
1. Conduct community events:		
Easter Parade	4/18	Completed.
Golf with Pros	5/18	Completed.
Praise in the Park	6/18	Completed
Mako Fishing Tournament	6/18	Completed.
Summer Camps (Sunrise Theatre)	6/18	In progress.
Impact Awards Show	8/18	Completed.
Raft Race	8/18	Completed.
Swordfish Tournament	9/18	



**G4 GOAL 4: Citizen Advisory Board for Police: Direction, Resolution**

**Responsibility: Police**

Milestones		Status as of August 1, 2018
1. City Manager: Review	5/18	Completed.
2. Commission Conference Agenda: Direction	5/18	Completed.
3. Commission Decision: Resolution	6/18	Completed. A resolution establishing the City Commission approved the Police Department's Community Advisory Committee at the 7/2/18 meeting with a modification of section 5-6 stating community members should be permanent residents of the City of Fort Pierce. The appointments to the Advisory Committee are scheduled to be complete by September 2018.

**G5 GOAL 5: Youth Council: Report with Recommendations**

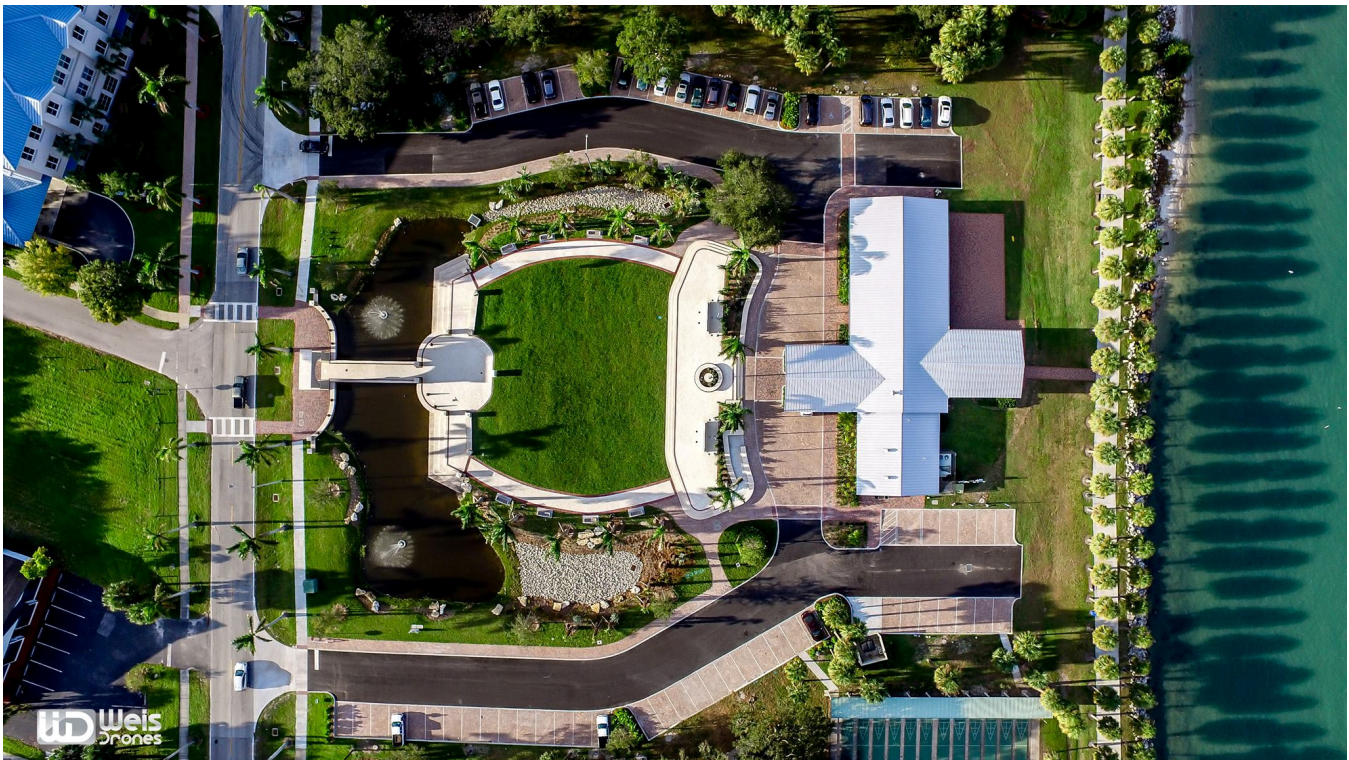


**Responsibility: City Manager**

Milestones		Status as of August 1, 2018
1. Commission Decision: Acceptance of Recommendations	3/18	Completed.



**G1 GOAL 1: Stormwater Management Utility Fee: Comparative Analysis and Increase**



Responsibility: Engineering

Milestones		Status as of August 1, 2018
1. Review needs/market analysis	5/18	Completed.
2. Develop report	5/18	On hold. Delayed until next year due to Surtax initiative.
3. Commission Decision: Fee	6/18	On hold. Delayed until next year due to Surtax initiative.
4. Send to St. Lucie County	6/18	On hold. Delayed until next year due to Surtax initiative.

**G2 GOAL 2: City-FPUA Strategy: Key Issues and Direction**

Responsibility: City Clerk

Milestones		Status as of August 1, 2018
1. Meeting between City Commission & FPUA Board: Identify and Discuss Issues, Direction	5/18	Completed.
2. Participate in City's Strategic Planning Process	2/19	



**G3** GOAL 3: Emergency Operations Center: Direction



**Responsibility: Police**

	Milestones		Status as of August 1, 2018
1.	Develop conceptual design, costs and location	5/18	In progress. City Staff met to discuss the initial conceptual design, cost and location of the Emergency Operations Center (EOC).
2.	Participate in City’s Strategic Planning Process	2/19	



**G4** GOAL 4: Small Public Transit Vehicle/Tram: Evaluation



Responsibility: Public Works

Milestones		Status as of August 1, 2018
1. Review/revise report	8/18	Staff is currently working the State and FDOT to properly document the tram for municipal use. Will go the City Manager for approval once it is confirmed that this vehicle can be utilized for our intended purpose. Mid-September approval by City Manager.
2. Obtain tram	9/18	
3. Initiate public tram service	10/18	

**G5** GOAL 5: City Employee Compensation: Restructure and Funding



Responsibility: Human Resources

Milestones		Status as of August 1, 2018
1. Analyze Study	6/18	Completed.
2. Complete report with recommendations	6/18	Completed.
3. Incorporate in budget proposal	6/18	Completed.
4. Commission Decision: FY2019 Budget	9/18	Continuing to look at comparisons through the HR Department.



**G6 GOAL 6: City Services and Staffing Level: Evaluation Report and Funding**

Responsibility: City Manager

Milestones		Status as of August 1, 2018
1. Review City organization – services and staffing needs	5/18	Completed.
2. Complete report with recommendations	6/18	Completed.
3. Incorporate in budget proposal	6/18	Completed.
4. Commission Decision: FY2019 Budget	9/18	A balanced budget shall be presented to the City Commission during the month of September for approval and adoption that includes additional personnel in key positions throughout the organization.

**G7 GOAL 7: Infrastructure Investment Surtax: Public Awareness and Election**



Responsibility: City Manager

Milestones		Status as of August 1, 2018
1. Commission Decision: Resolution of Support	3/18	Completed. City Staff is working with Saint Lucie County and Port Saint Lucie staff to develop consistent public education material and content for an aggressive education campaign. This will also incorporate educational presentations to all City of Fort Pierce Boards and Committees set to begin in September 2018.



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## Strategic Plan 2018 Goals

**G8 GOAL 8: Code of Ordinances: Update**

Responsibility: City Attorney

Milestones		Status as of August 1, 2018
1. Identify options and approach for update	9/18	In progress. Working on the amount of money to spend on this project.
2. Commission Workshop: Direction and Funding	10/18	

**G9 GOAL 9: Permitting Hub Shop for Development/Permitting**



Responsibility: Building

Milestones		Status as of August 1, 2018
1. Implement ProjectDox	10/18	In progress. User training scheduled for early Sept. Approximate launch date delayed to 11/18.
2. Develop Permitting Hub – design and costs	6/18	In progress. Architect has provided conceptual plan. Coordinating meetings with relevant City staff.
3. City Manager: review	7/18	Preparing for City Manager review.
4. Commission Conference Agenda: Direction	9/18	Pending finalization of conceptual plan and estimated cost.
5. Commission Decision: FY 2019 Budget	9/18	



**G10 GOAL 10: Civil Service Appeal Process**

**Responsibility: Human Resources**

Milestones		Status as of August 1, 2018
1. Finalize report	4/18	Completed.
2. Commission Decision: Process Ratification	6/18	Completed. Approved on 6/18/2018.

**G11 GOAL 11: Information Technology Master Plan**



**Responsibility: Information Technology**

Milestones		Status as of August 1, 2018
1. Develop plan	6/18	Completed.
2. Prepare budget proposal	6/18	Completed.
3. Commission Decision: FY 2019 Budget	9/18	

**G12 GOAL 12: Spending Limit for City Manager: Report and Direction**

**Responsibility: Finance**

Milestones		Status as of August 1, 2018
1. Commission Decision: Increase City Manager's Spending Limit	6/18	Completed. Approved by City Commission at June 4, 2018 meeting.



**G1** GOAL 1: Dumpster Solutions for Downtown



Responsibility: Public Works

Milestones		Status as of August 1, 2018
1. Commission Conference Agenda: Direction of Funding	4/18	Completed.
2. Order equipment	8/18	Underground refuse collection is not feasible at this time. Staff will work with the Engineering Department on design and location of the enclosures.



**G2** GOAL 2: Entrances/Gateways Beautification: Plan and Funding



Responsibility: Public Works

Milestones		Status as of August 1, 2018
1. Community Input	5/18	A public input meeting was held 5/30/18. Staff will generate a report with recommendation and schedule it for presentation to the City Commission at the 8/13/18 Conference Agenda meeting.
2. Develop Budget Proposal	8/18	Staff met with the Commission on 8/13/18 to discuss options. It was determined that we will work on a monument sign design in house and bring back before Commission for approval at a later date.
3. Commission Decision: FY 2019 Budget	9/18	



### BEAUTIFYING OUR COMMUNITY

#### **G3** GOAL 3: Infill Development



**Responsibility: Building**

Milestones		Status as of August 1, 2018
1. Identify properties, funding sources, partners and products	7/18	Potential properties identified. In process of determining funding, partners and products.
2. Draft ordinance, draft by-laws for Land Trust, Board of Directors and determine City oversight	8/18	City staff has met with two Community Land Trust (CLT) non-profit organizations to identify a viable, sustainable model to implement. Awaiting completion of above step.
3. Commission Conference Agenda: Report and Direction	9/18	
4. Present Ordinances to City Commission Adoption	11/18	
5. Establish Land Trust; Implement Program	1/19	

#### **G4** GOAL 4: Clean and Safe Community Initiative

**Responsibility: Code Compliance**

Milestones		Status as of August 1, 2018
1. Demolition		
a. Commission Decision: Approval	4/18	Completed.
b. Title Search	5/18	Completed.
c. Demolition Permit	5/18	Completed.
d. Demolition	6/18	Completed. Demolitions have been forwarded to the Commission on a monthly basis. Title searches are now being completed prior to approval by the City Commission. Three permits are in the hand of LEB and demolitions will commence next week.
2. Board Up		
a. Complete administrative process	4/18	Completed.
b. Clear boarding	4/18	Completed. Structures are being secured with clear boards. Just placed a 2nd order for supplies.



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## Strategic Plan 2018 Goals

### BEAUTIFYING OUR COMMUNITY

#### G5 GOAL 5: Lincoln Park Revitalization Initiative

Responsibility: Finance

Milestones		Status as of August 1, 2018
1. Commission Conference Agenda Presentation: Update Report	5/18	Completed.
2. Complete streetscape project – including signage	8/18	In progress.
3. Historic Lincoln Theater: MOU	8/18	In progress.

#### G6 GOAL 6: Mural Projects



Responsibility: Finance

Milestones		Status as of August 1, 2018
1. 464 North 9 <sup>th</sup> Street	10/18	In progress.
2. Sunrise Boulevard/Georgia	10/18	In progress.
3. 510 Orange Avenue	10/18	In progress.
4. 13 <sup>th</sup> Street/Avenue D	10/18	In progress.



**G1** GOAL 1: Sunrise Theatre: Comprehensive Evaluation, Report with Options and Direction



Responsibility: City Manager

Milestones		Status as of August 1, 2018
1. Community Input Meeting	6/18	Completed.
2. Prepare budget proposal	6/18	Completed. An Interim Director has taken administrative control of the operation until further notice. A public input meeting was held June 27, 2018 with a subsequent City Commission workshop scheduled for August 24, 2018 to further discuss the facility.
3. Commission Decision: FY 2019 Budget	9/18	



**G2** GOAL 2: Homeless Resource Center: Concept, Partners/County and Locations



Responsibility: City Manager

Milestones		Status as of August 1, 2018
1. Determine location	5/18	Completed.
2. Commission Decision: Direction	8/18	The City of Fort Pierce, the Housing Authority, and the Salvation Army may be partnering together to operate a homeless resource center on North 7th Street named "Adam's Place". Operational funding is the greatest challenge at this time. The City Commission is currently considering the proposal for an annual contribution of \$50,000.
3. Identify funding sources	9/18	
4. Complete improvements	1/19	
5. Open Homeless Resource Center	1/19	



**G3** GOAL 3: Historic St. Anastasia Building/Property Use: Conversion to Heritage and Cultural Center



Responsibility: Finance

Milestones	Status as of August 1, 2018	
1. Issue Request for Proposal	3/18	Completed.
2. Select architect	4/18	Completed.
3. Commission Decision: Award Contract – Architecture	6/18	Completed.
4. Complete architecture	10/18	In progress.
5. Seek funding	10/18	In progress.

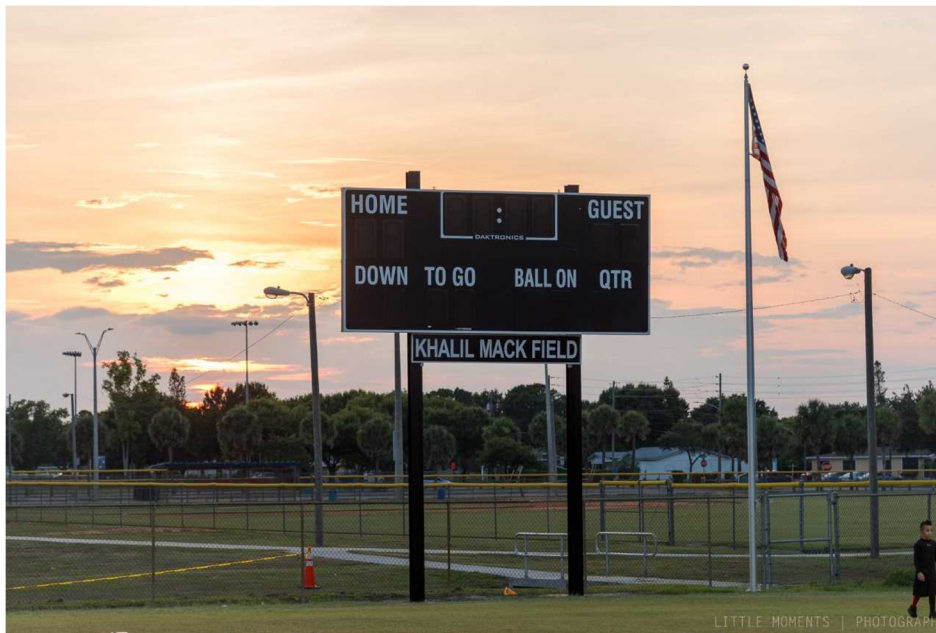
**G4** GOAL 4: Porpoise Park: Report with Options and Direction

Responsibility: Public Works

Milestones	Status as of August 1, 2018	
1. Complete report	10/18	Porpoise Beach Access. Staff met with the City Engineer onsite to discuss options and begin designing a new parking area.
2. Commission Conference Agenda: Report and Direction	11/18	



**G5** GOAL 5: Recreation Division: Direction and Funding



Responsibility: Public Works

Milestones	Status as of August 1, 2018	
1. Prepare budget proposal	6/18	Completed.
2. Commission Decision: FY 2019 Budget	9/18	In progress.

**G6** GOAL 6: Shuffle Board Court: Direction

Responsibility: Public Works

Milestones	Status as of August 1, 2018	
1. Prepare report on alternative uses	7/18	In progress.
2. Commission Conference Agenda: Report and Direction	8/18	
3. Develop budget proposal	8/18	
4. Commission Decision: FY 2019 Budget	9/18	



**G7** GOAL 7: Historic Preservation Report



Responsibility: Planning

Milestones		Status as of August 1, 2018
1. Identify historic districts/properties	9/18	This project is on schedule to be completed as per the due date.
2. Prepare plan	9/18	
3. Commission Conference Agenda: Report and Direction	10/18	



**G8** GOAL 8: Gangs Action Plan: Update



Responsibility: Police

Milestones	Status as of August 1, 2018
1. Commission Report	7/18 In progress. The Fort Pierce Police Department, Crime Suppression Unit (CSU) remains committed to implementing strategies that are focused on eradicating gang violence and their related illegal activities. CSU continues to work with our federal, state, and local partners (Alcohol Tobacco Firearms and Explosive-A.T.F.E, Drug Enforcement Agency D.E.A, the United States Marshalls), to disrupt, dismantle, and eliminate these criminal elements from our community.





### **Mission Statement**

*To provide community leadership, quality public service, and a safe environment for all citizens, by an empowered team of employees motivated by pride in themselves and their work.*

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**City Commission Conference Agenda**

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**Meeting Date:** 09/10/2018

**Re:** Food For Fines

**Submitted For:** Peggy Arraiz, Code Compliance Manager, Code Enforcement

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**SUBJECT:**

Discussion on implementing a "Food for Fines" program, which would allow violators to pay a portion of their parking citation with canned food to be donated to the Treasure Coast Food Bank.

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**Attachments**

Tallahassee FL program

Tampa FL program

Lexington KY program

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# City starts Food for Fines program

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First-time Tallahassee parking violators can now pay their tickets by donating non-perishable food items to Second Harvest of the Big Bend.

The Food for Fines program started today and allows residents to give one food item for every \$1 of their fine.

City Commissioners unanimously approved the initiative, based on a similar program in Lexington, Kentucky, at its meeting last week. Commissioner Scott Maddox put forward the idea as a way to spark the spirit of giving this holiday season.

The program runs until Jan. 4, but only for tickets issued during the time period beginning Nov. 30. Starting fines typically start at \$10. Under the program, residents could pay penalties up to \$50 in non-perishable food. The city won't accept any damaged, opened or out-of-date items.

Residents must make the donations in person at the Utility Customer Service counter at the Frenchtown Renaissance Center, 435 N. Macomb St., which is open Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

The initiative won't hurt the city financially, Maddox said, but could encourage residents to start donating during the holidays. During October, the city collected 860 parking ticket fines, 280 of which were paid in person.

"I'd rather forego those dollars during the holiday season and allow people to spread a little goodwill and good cheer," Maddox said last week. "If you pay your parking ticket with crucial food items for families that are in need, perhaps you'll be more giving in other ways as well."

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**TAMPA (FOX 13)** - A Tampa city councilman wants to take the sting out of paying a parking ticket during the holiday season, while simultaneously reinforcing the spirit of giving.

A few other cities around the country, including Tallahassee, Lexington, and Albany, have reported great success after allowing parking tickets to be paid with non-perishable food donations.

People would be able to pay a portion of their parking ticket by making a food donation to hungry people who really need the help.

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"I think it's a very compassionate thing. It's a win-win," described Tampa City Councilman Guido Maniscalco

"In 2016, it's truly pathetic that we're even discussing world hunger, or even at the local stage with all the amenities that we have at our fingertips. So in order to combat this, or at least help in some way, I think this would be a good start."

The logistics are still being worked out, but Maniscalco hopes donations raised will go to Feeding Tampa Bay headquarters. Every day, donations are brought to its massive warehouse, sorted and prepared to be shipped to the tables of 700,000 bay area neighbors; One third of them live in Tampa.

A ticket amnesty program could mean tons of new donations.

Feeding Tampa Bay officials said they are in complete support of the potential for increased donations.

"We absolutely have the resources to pick up those food items in a timely manner and distribute out to local partner agencies," Joyce Endaya with Feeding Tampa Bay said.

However, some council members remained cautious

"It's a well-intentioned program. I love the idea, but we need to work out the details so that what it's costing the city to run the program isn't more than the value of the food that we're providing to the public," explained Councilwoman Lisa Montelione.

Meanwhile, Councilman Maniscalco expects the program would mean the city would lose about \$6,000 in parking fines. It's a drop in the bucket, he says, compared to the \$1.6 million generated by Tampa's parking tickets each month.

He said it would not be a year-long program; rather it would only take place during the holiday season.

People also wouldn't be able to completely wipe away their fines through donations, but would be able to take \$1 off per donated can of food, up to \$15.

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# 'Food For Fines': In Some Cities, Parking Tickets Drive Holiday Giving

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A few cities around the country are letting drivers cover part or all of their parking fines with food donations.

*Amber Riccinto/Ocala Star-Banner/Landov*

Parking fines aren't usually the stuff of holiday cheer. But a few cities around the country are turning them into an opportunity to promote giving, letting drivers cover part or all of their fines with food donations.

Lexington, Ky., first adopted the program, called Food for Fines, during the 2014 holiday season. There, 10 cans will knock \$15 off a person's parking ticket. Last year, the program took in more than 6,000 cans of donated food that went to a local food bank, and it's on track to beat that haul this season, according Gary Means, the executive director of the Lexington Parking Authority.

Means says his city got the idea from programs at universities that let people pay for parking fees with food donations. Means says he's also heard of a donation program in Boston that let people donate toys during the holiday season to cover tickets.

"It's pretty rare," Means says. "As most people know, there's a lot of red tape with governmental entities. So to be able to take so-called donations as a payment is kind of a challenge."

It's a challenge other municipalities are also taking on.

From late September through the end of this November, Albany, N.Y., offered an amnesty program — waiving parking ticket late fees and strongly encouraging food donations. Albany Treasurer Darius Shahinfar says the city took in a ton-and-a-half of food — enough for 5,000 meals. But to do that, Shahinfar says the city had to navigate some legal issues.

"It could be considered an unconstitutional gift that you're basically waiving late fees for someone who brings in a parking ticket, but gives a can of food. And there's an argument for that under New York State constitutional law," Shahinfar says.

Shahinfar says the city worked around that by waiving late fees for everyone, regardless of whether they donated food. And he says that helped with other questions, like how to ensure someone paying online had actually donated.

In the end, he says the city of Albany took in more money than it otherwise would have by attracting people who likely wouldn't have paid their tickets without the amnesty for late fees — which can be substantial. In Albany, N.Y., for example, the standard fine for an expired meter is \$25. The state tacks on a \$15 surcharge. If a person is late paying, they'd get charged another \$25, for a total of \$65. Albany's Food for Fines

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