

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE FORT PIERCE REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY, HELD IN THE CITY HALL COMMISSION CHAMBERS, 100 NORTH U.S. #1, FORT PIERCE, FLORIDA, AT 5:30 P.M. ON **MONDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2017**

1. **CALL TO ORDER** - Chairwoman Hudson called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

3. **ROLL CALL**

Present: Chairperson Linda Hudson; Commissioner Rufus Alexander; Commissioner Jeremiah Johnson; Commissioner Thomas Perona

Absent: Commissioner Reginald Sessions

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

4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

a. Approval of minutes from the July 17, 2017 regular meeting and the September 18, 2017 special meeting.

Motion was made by Commissioner Thomas Perona, seconded by Commissioner Rufus Alexander to approve the minutes from the July 17, 2017 regular meeting and the September 18, 2017 special meeting.

AYE: Chairperson Linda Hudson, Commissioner Rufus Alexander, Commissioner Jeremiah Johnson, Commissioner Thomas Perona

Passed

5. **COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC** - There were no comments from the public.

6. **FINANCIAL REPORT FOR QUARTER ENDING** - No report at this time.

7. **OLD BUSINESS**

8. **NEW BUSINESS**

a. Approval to proceed with demolition of 414 Avenue D.

Mr. Mimms introduced Ms. Rebecca Grohall, Planning Director, to address this item which is commonly known as the Kings Inn. Ms. Grohall indicated that this property was acquired by the FPRA with the intent to assemble other adjacent properties and to then bundle as a larger parcel of land for redevelopment. That effort was unsuccessful. The property was declared surplus last year and was placed on the market but unfortunately, no fruitful proposals were received. The property is severely deteriorated and is now beyond the point of renovation. Accordingly, it is staff's recommendation that the structure be demolished.

Funds have been identified in the FPRA for the demolition and is expected to cost approximately \$40,000.00. Commissioner Alexander suggested asking the Fire District to use this as a training burn; staff has already made that request. Mr. Mimms indicated staff will reach out again for this request.

Motion was made by Commissioner Rufus Alexander, seconded by Commissioner Thomas Perona to approve the request to proceed with demolition of 414 Avenue D.

AYE: Chairperson Linda Hudson, Commissioner Rufus Alexander, Commissioner Jeremiah Johnson, Commissioner Thomas Perona

Passed

- b. Approval of 3rd Amendment to Lease with Treasure Coast Boat Rentals.

Mr. Mimms requested that this item be pulled at this time due to a recent conversation with Treasure Coast Boat Rentals.

- c. Approval of lease between the Fort Pierce Redevelopment Agency and the Boys & Girls Clubs of St. Lucie County, Inc. for utilization of the HDRC, Percy Peek Gymnasium for a term of one (1) year.

Mr. Mimms introduced Mr. Mike Reals, Public Works Director and Will Armstead, CEO of Boys & Girls Club. Mr. Armstead reported on the remodeling progress of their facility at 23rd Street and I Avenue, and expressed he is looking forward to utilizing the Percy Peek Gymnasium as the work is being completed.

Motion was made by Commissioner Thomas Perona, seconded by Commissioner Rufus Alexander approval of the lease.

AYE: Chairperson Linda Hudson, Commissioner Rufus Alexander, Commissioner Jeremiah Johnson, Commissioner Thomas Perona

Passed

- d. Presentation of 2016 FPRA Annual Report

Mr. Mimms introduced Rebecca Grohall, Planning Director, who provided an overview of the annual report which is provided to our contributors to the FRPA, including the County and residents of the City.

- e. Update on HD King Request for Qualifications Process

Mr. Mimms reported on the request for qualifications/proposals for this property. As a result of the impacts of the hurricane, the dates have been postponed. Ms. Grohall praised the City's Communications Department for the beautiful document they prepared for the RFQ/RFP. Ms. Grohall provided an overview of the various methods by which the RFQ/RFP was distributed.

9. STAFF COMMENTS

Mr. Mimms acknowledged that Ms. Rebecca Grohall will be a guest speaker at the upcoming Florida Redevelopment Association conference about how to integrate light manufacturing jobs into a CRA. With the success the City of Fort Pierce has enjoyed, she is highlighting three projects including Radical Cosmetics, Sailfish Brewery and Rocla Concrete Rail Ties.

10. BOARD COMMENTS

Commissioner Alexander suggested including some of the FPRA highlights with the Florida League of Cities presentations and award applications.

Commissioner Perona mentioned that there is lots of talk about how CRAs function within a community; our story demonstrates the benefit of what CRAs can do for a community.

Chairwoman Hudson did a guest editorial on how valuable CRA's are to historical cities. It will be circulated by the League of Cities to our legislators.

11. **ADJOURNMENT** - Chairwoman Hudson adjourned the meeting at 6:03 p.m.

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK

CHAIRPERSON