

MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE FORT PIERCE REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY, HELD IN THE CITY HALL COMMISSION CHAMBERS, 100 NORTH U.S. #1, FORT PIERCE, FLORIDA, AT 5:45 P.M. ON MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2019.

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Chairwoman Hudson called the meeting to order at 5:45 p.m.

**2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**3. ROLL CALL**

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

Staff Present: City Clerk Linda Cox  
City Manager Nicholas Mimms  
City Attorney Peter Sweeney

**4. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**

Any person who wishes to comment on any subject on this agenda may be heard at this time. Please limit your comments to three (3) minutes or less, as directed by the Chairperson, as this section of the Agenda is limited to fifteen minutes. The FPRA Board will not be able to take any official actions under Comments from the Public. Speakers will address the Chairperson, Board Members, and the Public with respect. Inappropriate language will not be tolerated. **Sign-up sheet is located in the lobby.**

Kyle McCarthy

**5. NEW BUSINESS**

a. Approval of Proposed Fiscal Year 2019-2020 Operating Budget

Johnna Morris, Director of Finance, provided a brief overview of the proposed FPRA Budget for FY 2020. The budget is balanced at \$6,905,034 which is a \$420,907 increase from FY2019. There is an increase of \$394,807 in ad valorem taxes and no transfer from the general fund is needed this year. There is an appropriation for school resources officers for schools with the CRA boundary in the amount of \$350,000 and a transfer to the general fund of \$400,000 which is a repayment to the general fund.

Motion was made by Commissioner Jeremiah Johnson, seconded by Commissioner Reginald Sessions to approve the FPRA Budget.

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

Passed

b. Update on the Old St. Anastasia School Lease Agreement with Lindsay School of the Arts

Mr. Mimms reported that staff is in serious negotiations with the Lindsay School of the Arts for a lease of the Old St. Anastasia School facility and property. They anticipate negotiations to wrap up soon and will bring a finalized document back to the Board for approval. Ms. Heather HeRo Wells, representing Lindsay School of the Arts, talked about their excitement for the future facility and all that they have been doing for students in the area already.

- c. Approval to Extend Negotiation Period with Audubon Development for the Redevelopment of the Former H.D. King Plant Site.

Mr. Mimms provided an update on the negotiations with Audubon for the redevelopment of the King Plant property which will be known as Kings Landing. He indicated that things were going well, but additional time will be needed, suggesting a 60 day extension. Mr. Dale Matteson, President & CEO of Audubon discussed the cost of a feasibility study that is being requested. Mr. Mimms was confident that they could finalize the agreement within the 60 days being requested and would be ready with an agreement at the next FRPA regular meeting in October.

Motion was made by Commissioner Rufus Alexander, seconded by Commissioner Reginald Sessions to extend the negotiation period 60 days until November 12, 2019.

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

Passed

**6. STAFF COMMENTS**

**7. BOARD COMMENTS**

**8. ADJOURNMENT**

Chairwoman Hudson adjourned the meeting at 6:10 p.m.

ATTEST:

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CHAIRPERSON