

MINUTES OF A SPECIAL 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 9:00 A.M. ON **MONDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2020.**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Hudson called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

**2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**3. ROLL CALL**

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

Absent: Commissioner Reginald Sessions

Staff Present: City Clerk Linda Cox  
City Attorney Peter Sweeney  
City Manager Nick Mimms participating by phone

Commissioner Alexander participated by telephone.  
Commissioner Sessions arrived at 9:01 a.m.

**4. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**

Any person who wishes to comment on any subject may be heard at this time. Please limit your comments to three (3) minutes or less, as directed by the Mayor, as this section of the Agenda is limited to fifteen minutes. The City Commission will not be able to take any official actions under Comments from the Public. Speakers will address the Mayor, Commissioners, and the Public with respect. Inappropriate language will not be tolerated.

There were no comments from the public.

**5. NEW BUSINESS**

a. Interviews of FPUA Candidates

Each candidate was given the opportunity to provide a three (3) minute opening statement. Each commissioner then asked a question and a two (2) minute response was permitted. At the end of the question period, each candidate provided a two (2) minute closing statement. It was agreed that the Board would rotate the order in which they asked their question with the Mayor always going last.

1. Nichelle Clemons
2. Stephen Enns
3. Luca Fontaine Bradley
4. Jaimebeth Galinis
5. Kristina Gibbons
6. Jannifer Lee

b. Discussion and Selection of the FPUA Board member via Resolution 20-R50.

The mayor and commission all agreed that the process worked extremely well and that all the candidates were qualified for the seat. They expressed hope that each candidate, if not selected, would be willing to serve on other city boards and committees.

The board agreed to use the same format as when hiring the city attorney. The ballots were distributed containing the names of all 6 candidates. The board was asked to select their top three candidates, in no particular order. Following the tally, additional votes would continue to narrow the field.

City Clerk, Linda Cox, read ballots into the record:

Commissioner Alexander selected Clemons, Gibbons and Lee.  
Commissioner Johnson selected Enns, Fontaine-Bradley, and Gibbons.  
Commissioner Perona selected Clemons, Enns and Galinis.  
Commissioner Sessions selected Clemons, Fontaine-Bradley and Lee.  
Mayor Hudson selected Galinis, Gibbons and Lee.

Based on the votes, Clemons, Gibbons and Lee all received three votes and would move on to the next round. Each commissioner was asked to select their top choice.

The City Clerk read the ballots.

Commissioner Alexander selected Lee.  
Commissioner Johnson selected Gibbons.  
Commissioner Perona selected Clemons.  
Commissioner Sessions selected Lee.  
Mayor Hudson selected Gibbons.

Based on the votes, Gibbons and Lee each received two votes and moved to the next round.

The City Clerk read the 3rd ballots into the record.

Commissioner Alexander selected Lee.  
Commissioner Johnson selected Gibbons.  
Commissioner Perona selected Gibbons.  
Commissioner Sessions selected Lee.  
Mayor Hudson selected Gibbons.

Kristina Gibbons received three votes and therefore will be the new at-large member of the FPUA Board.

Linda Cox, City Clerk, read the following resolution into the record.

**RESOLUTION NO. 20-R50** A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF FORT PIERCE, FLORIDA, **CERTIFYING THE APPOINTMENT OF A MEMBER OF THE FORT PIERCE UTILITIES AUTHORITY BOARD**; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Motion was made by Commissioner Thomas Perona, seconded by Commissioner Reginald Sessions to approve Resolution 20-R50 appointing Kristina Gibbons.

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

## 6. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Hudson adjourned the meeting at 12:14 p.m.

ATTEST:

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CITY CLERK

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MAYOR COMMISSIONER