

MINUTES OF A REGULAR 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 4:30 P.M. ON MONDAY, **OCTOBER 19, 2020.**

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Hudson called the October 19, 2020 Regular Meeting of the City Commission to order at 4:30 PM.

2. OPENING PRAYER - Father Bob Pope, St. Mark the Evangelist Catholic Church

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

4. ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor 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

Commissioner Alexander was present by telephone conference call.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a. Approval of minutes from the October 5, 2020 regular meeting and the October 12, 2020 special meeting.

Motion was made by Commissioner Thomas Perona, seconded by Commissioner Reginald Sessions to approve the minutes from the October 05, 2020 Regular Meeting, and the October 12, 2020 Special Meeting.

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

Passed

6. PROCLAMATIONS

- a. Community Planning Month
b. Hospice and Palliative Care Month

7. LETTERS TO COMMISSION

8. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC ON AGENDA ITEMS NOT REQUIRING PUBLIC HEARINGS

Any person who wishes to comment on an agenda item which is not under Public Hearings on the Agenda may be heard at this time and must sign up to speak in advance. Please limit your comments to three (3) minutes or less, as directed by the Mayor, as this section of the Agenda is limited to thirty 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.

9. ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS TO AGENDA AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion was made by Commissioner Reginald Sessions, seconded by Commissioner Jeremiah Johnson to approve and set the Agenda.

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

Passed

10. MISCELLANEOUS REPORTS

- a. Presentation by John Tompeck, FPUA, Director of Utilities on utilities disconnections and the recent effluent discharge to the Indian River Lagoon.

Mr. John Tompeck, Director of Utilities, provided an update on the island water reclamation (WRF) facility and those discharges that took place on October 04, 2020 and October 05, 2020. Mr. Tompeck provided background information on the permitted capacity of the water reclamation facility and explained how stormwater enters the wastewater system. Approximately 170,000 gallons of fully treated, dechlorinated water were discharged on those two dates which primarily consisted of rainwater that overwhelmed the system. There was no system failure. Mr. Tompeck explained that FPUA currently is lining clay wastewater pipes at the rate of approximately one mile per year. FPUA has applied for a grant to complete the lining project. FPUA puts out a press release for events such as this, as well as a notice on the FPUA website and to social media. The City Commission will be added to the text distribution list. FPUA is currently looking at ways to prevent discharges and increase the efficiency of the pumps on the deep injection wells and additional storage areas. FPUA is currently pursuing the relocation of the island water reclamation facility off the island.

Mr. Tompeck discussed the timeline to resume electric disconnections. No disconnections have occurred for the past seven months and all late fees and penalties have been waived. Rates were also discounted. Payment plans were made available to all customers. There is still grant money available for assistance through ALPI and Mustard Seed Ministries for anyone affected by the COVID-19 pandemic. The availability of relief funds for the utilities has been advertised on the website, through social media, flyers sent with billing, and on the radio. Automatic payment plans were imposed on all delinquent accounts with no penalty or interest. Under the automatic payment plan, the minimum payment required is the current bill plus one-twelfth of the past due amount.

11. CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Accept funding for residual Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) in the amount of \$81,500.00 as approved by the Florida Department of Law Enforcement.
- b. Approve grant award for Jaykelia Weston, owner of JC Salon & Boutique, in the amount of \$10,000, as an eligible recipient under the Way to Grow Lincoln Park Historic Avenue D Business District Small Business Startup/Relocation Grant Program.
- c. Approval of Florida Housing Finance Corporation Subrecipient Agreement Amendment to receive Coronavirus Relief Fund (CRF) allocation in the amount of \$99,506.
- d. Approve grant award for Eugene Williams, owner of 1319 Avenue D. Fort Pierce, FL, in the amount of \$5000.00, as an eligible recipient under the Way to Grow Lincoln Park Historic Avenue D Business District Commercial Facade Grant.
- e. Approval of annual/blanket purchase order for the Police Department for FY 2021 for a total budgeted amount of \$480,737.00

Motion was made by Commissioner Thomas Perona, seconded by Commissioner Jeremiah Johnson to approve items 11a, 11b, 11c, 11d, and 11e.

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

Passed

12. PUBLIC HEARINGS

Any Public Comment on these Public Hearing items, if not being offered in person, should be submitted by noon on the day of the meeting using the Sworn Public Comment Form which is available on the city's website at:

<http://www.cityoffortpierce.com/DocumentCenter/View/8741/Sworn-Public-Comment-for-Public-Hearings>

- a. Quasi-Judicial Hearing - Review and approval of an application for Conditional Use with no new construction submitted by property owner and applicant, Nancy Barsotti, for a Conditional Use to operate a Dwelling Rental, offering lodging for less than six (6) months with a minimum rental period identified as 31 days. The property is located at 1040 Windward Drive, #3402 and is zoned Hutchinson Island Medium Density Residential (R-4A). Parcel ID: 2507-888-0068-000-4.

City Clerk Linda Cox introduced the Application for Conditional Use with no new construction submitted by property owner and applicant, Nancy Barsotti, for a Conditional Use to operate a Dwelling Rental, offering lodging for less than six (6) months with a minimum rental period identified as 31 days. The property is located at 1040 Windward Drive, #3402.

Mayor Linda Hudson asked all present to listen carefully to what City Attorney Peter Sweeney would read regarding Quasi-Judicial Hearings as they apply to all subsequent Quasi-Judicial Hearings tonight.

Before commencing this Quasi-Judicial Hearing, Peter Sweeney, City Attorney, reminded the City Commission that they serve in both a legislative and quasi-judicial role. When acting as a legislative body, the commission engages in law-making activity by passing laws and establishing policies. When acting as a quasi-judicial body, the commission applies those laws and policies and is held to stricter procedural requirements.

Quasi-judicial proceedings are less formal than proceedings before a circuit court but are more formal than the normal commission meeting. Quasi-judicial proceedings must follow basic standards of notice and due process; and decisions must be made based on competent substantial evidence.

Therefore, Commissioners have a duty to conduct the quasi-judicial proceedings more like judges than legislators. That is why the commission has established the uniform procedures for quasi-judicial hearings that will be followed this evening.

Mayor Linda Hudson called the proceeding to order.

City Clerk Linda Cox confirmed the City complied with advertisement and notice requirements.

Mayor Linda Hudson inquired with the Commission regarding ex-parte communications and asked City Clerk to call the roll:

Commissioner Alexander - none.
Commissioner Johnson - none.
Commissioner Perona - none.
Commissioner Sessions - none.
Mayor Hudson – none.

Mayor Linda Hudson opened the public hearing.

City Clerk Linda Cox was asked to swear in those wanting to speak during this Quasi-Judicial hearing. Individuals in the audience intending to speak on this item were asked to stand, raise their right hand, and administered an oath to tell the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth. Those that were sworn in were asked to clearly state their name for the record and confirm they were sworn in at such time as they were asked to come forward to testify.

Staff presentation:

Planning Director, Jennifer Hofmeister provided an overview of the proposed Application for Conditional Use with no new construction to offer lodging for less than six (6) months with a minimum rental period of thirty-one (31) days. Ms. Hofmeister provided slides to further describe the property including a location map, future land use map, and zoning map. The Planning Board has recommended approval with the addition of one additional condition, that third-party liability insurance be required. The Planning Department would like to further discuss the proposed sixth condition with the City Commission at a future meeting after more research has been done.

Staff recommends approval with the following five (5) conditions:

- 1) The property manager for the dwelling rental shall be available at all times to resolve complaints or violations of city code. Said manager shall reside in St. Lucie County and shall be registered with the City of Fort Pierce.
- 2) Guide booklets (available from Code Enforcement) shall be provided to renters regarding local rules and public service resources, to minimize conflicts.
- 3) The applicant shall file for and obtain St. Lucie County and City of Fort Pierce Business Tax Licenses within thirty (30) days of issuance of a license from the Florida Department of Business & Professional Regulation.
- 4) There shall be a limitation of no more than no two (2) vehicles per unit.
- 5) The City of Fort Pierce Business Tax License number shall be included on all advertising.

Commission questions for Staff:

Commissioner Alexander inquired if the sixth requirement, as suggested by the Planning Board that will be researched further by the Planning Department and brought back before the City Commission, will be retroactive to the items on the agenda tonight. Ms. Hofmeister advised that the City of Fort Pierce does not currently have this as a condition and feels it goes above and beyond what should be required as a condition until it can be properly researched and determined appropriate to be approved as a standard condition. Commissioner Perona appreciates holding off on the sixth requirement until more research is done by the Planning Department. Commissioner Johnson also agrees on holding off on this requirement until more research is done. Mr. Mimms has suggested the Planning Department consult with the Florida League of Cities FMIT as well as the insurance consultant Cyber who have guided the City of Fort Pierce successfully for years before the City of Fort Pierce begin imposing this insurance condition.

Applicant questions for Staff:

Applicant Nancy Barsotti, sworn, was present by telephone conference call. Ms. Barsotti has been in contact with Vennis Gilmore, Planner, and City Clerk Linda Cox regarding the requirements. All conditions have been met. Ms. Barsotti is available to answer any questions.

Applicant presentation: None.

Commission questions for Applicant: None.

Public comment:

Michelle Longarzo - supports the application.

Mayor Hudson closed the public hearing.

Comments by the City Commission: None.

Motion was made by Commissioner Jeremiah Johnson, seconded by Commissioner Thomas Perona to approve Item 12a. with the five (5) staff conditions.

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

Passed

- b. Quasi-Judicial Hearing - Application for Conditional Use with No New Construction submitted by property owner, Nick Danaluk, and applicant, Michelle Longarzo, for Conditional Use to operate a Dwelling Rental, offering lodging for less than six (6) months with a minimum rental period identified as two (2) days. The property is located at 715 South Ocean Drive, Unit L, and is zoned Hutchinson Island Medium Density Residential (R-4A). Parcel ID: 2401-504-0012-000-1.

City Clerk Linda Cox introduced the Application for Conditional Use with No New Construction submitted by property owner, Nick Danaluk, and applicant, Michelle Longarzo, for Conditional Use to operate a Dwelling Rental, offering lodging for less than six (6) months with a minimum rental period identified as two (2) days.

Mayor Hudson called the public hearing to order and reminded the Commission and Public that this proceeding is a Quasi-Judicial Hearing, and that City Attorney Peter Sweeney has read the legal requirements into the record.

City Clerk Linda Cox confirmed the City complied with advertisement and notice requirements.

Mayor Linda Hudson inquired with the Commission regarding ex-parte communications and asked City Clerk to call the roll:

Commissioner Alexander - none.
Commissioner Johnson - yes.
Commissioner Perona - yes.
Commissioner Sessions - yes.
Mayor Hudson – yes.

Mayor Linda Hudson opened the public hearing.

City Clerk Linda Cox was asked to swear in those wanting to speak during this Quasi-Judicial hearing. Individuals in the audience intending to speak on this item were asked to stand, raise their right hand, and administered an oath to tell the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth. Those that were sworn in were asked to clearly state their name for the record and confirm they were sworn in at such time as they were asked to come forward to testify.

Staff Presentation

Planning Director, Jennifer Hofmeister provided an overview of the proposed Application for Conditional Use with No New Construction for a Conditional Use to operate a Dwelling Rental, offering lodging for less than six (6) months with a minimum rental period identified as two (2) days. Ms. Hofmeister provided slides to further describe the property including a location map, future land use map, and zoning map. The Planning Board has recommended approval with the addition of one additional condition, that third-party liability insurance be required. The Planning Department will further research and review this condition before recommending it to the City Commission.

Staff recommends approval with the following five (5) conditions:

- 1) The property manager for the dwelling rental shall be available at all times to resolve complaints or violations of city code. Said manager shall reside in St. Lucie County and shall be registered with the City of Fort Pierce.
- 2) Guide booklets (available from Code Enforcement) shall be provided to renters regarding local rules and public service resources, to minimize conflicts.
- 3) The applicant shall file for and obtain St. Lucie County and City of Fort Pierce Business Tax Licenses within thirty (30) days of issuance of a license from the Florida Department of Business & Professional Regulation.
- 4) There shall be a limitation of no more than no two (2) vehicles per unit.
- 5) The City of Fort Pierce Business Tax License number shall be included on all advertising.

Commission questions for Staff: None

Applicant questions for Staff:

Ms. Longarzo, applicant, sworn, inquired if the Planning Department has any evidence of competent substantial evidence why this application should be denied. Ms. Hofmeister stated there is none.

Applicant presentation:

Ms. Longarzo has met all the proposed conditions. Ms. Longarzo stated that VRBO and Airbnb provide general liability insurance for renters.

Commission questions for Applicant:

Commissioner Johnson inquired if there is emergency lighting on the exterior. Ms. Longarzo stated there is not specific lighting, but she does show and provide emergency plans to prospective renters.

Public comment: None.

Mayor Hudson, seeing no one else, closed the public hearing.

Comments by the City Commission: None.

Motion was made by Commissioner Thomas Perona, seconded by Commissioner Jeremiah Johnson to approve Item 12b with five (5) staff conditions.

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

Passed

- c. Quasi-Judicial Hearing - Application for Conditional Use with No New Construction submitted by property owner, Sandra Jean Ballantyne, and applicant, Michelle Longarzo, for Conditional Use to operate a Dwelling Rental, offering lodging for less than six (6) months with a minimum rental period identified as two (2) days. The property is located at 715 South Ocean Drive, Unit B, and is zoned Hutchinson Island Medium Density Residential (R-4A). Parcel ID: 2401-504-0002-000-8.

City Clerk Linda Cox introduced the Application for Conditional Use with No New Construction submitted by property owner, Sandra Jean Ballantyne, and applicant, Michelle Longarzo, for Conditional Use to operate a Dwelling Rental, offering lodging for less than six (6) months with a minimum rental period identified as two (2) days.

Mayor Hudson called the public hearing to order and reminded the Commission and Public that this proceeding is a Quasi-Judicial Hearing, and that City Attorney Peter Sweeney has read the legal requirements into the record.

City Clerk Linda Cox confirmed the City complied with advertisement and notice requirements.

Mayor Linda Hudson inquired with the Commission regarding ex-parte communications and asked City Clerk to call the roll:

Commissioner Alexander - none.
Commissioner Johnson - yes.
Commissioner Perona - yes.
Commissioner Sessions - yes.
Mayor Hudson – yes.

Mayor Linda Hudson opened the public hearing.

City Clerk Linda Cox was asked to swear in those wanting to speak during this Quasi-Judicial hearing. Individuals in the audience intending to speak on this item were asked to stand, raise their right hand, and administered an oath to tell the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth. Those that were sworn in were asked to clearly state their name for the record and confirm they were sworn in at such time as they were asked to come forward to testify.

Staff Presentation

Planning Director, Jennifer Hofmeister provided an overview of the proposed Application for Conditional Use with No New Construction submitted by property owner for a Conditional Use to operate a Dwelling Rental, offering lodging for less than six (6) months with a minimum rental period identified as two (2) days. Ms. Hofmeister provided slides to further describe the property including a location map, future land use map, and zoning map. The Planning Board has recommended approval with the addition of one additional condition, that third-party liability insurance be required. The Planning Department will further research and review this condition before recommending it to the City Commission.

Staff recommends approval with the following five (5) conditions:

- 1) The property manager for the dwelling rental shall be available at all times to resolve complaints or violations of city code. Said manager shall reside in St. Lucie County and shall be registered with the City of Fort Pierce.
- 2) Guide booklets (available from Code Enforcement) shall be provided to renters regarding local rules and public service resources, to minimize conflicts.
- 3) The applicant shall file for and obtain St. Lucie County and City of Fort Pierce Business Tax Licenses within thirty (30) days of issuance of a license from the Florida Department of Business & Professional Regulation.
- 4) There shall be a limitation of no more than no two (2) vehicles per unit.
- 5) The City of Fort Pierce Business Tax License number shall be included on all advertising.

Commission questions for Staff: None.

Applicant questions for Staff:

Ms. Longarzo, applicant representative, sworn inquired if the Planning Department has any evidence of

competent substantial evidence why this application should be denied. Ms. Hofmeister stated there is none.

Applicant presentation:

Ms. Longarzo has met all the proposed conditions.

Commission questions for Applicant: None.

Public comment:

City Clerk Linda Cox read into the record comment from Charlene Adair regarding the safety and well-being of the public and occupancy limits.

Ms. Longarzo stated that the fire marshal does not have jurisdiction to require sprinklers pursuant to 80-27. Occupancy limits are determined by square footage. Background checks are vetted through the VRBO and AirBnB.

Mayor Hudson, seeing no one else, closed the public hearing.

Comments by the City Commission: None.

Motion was made by Commissioner Jeremiah Johnson, seconded by Commissioner Reginald Sessions to approve Item 12c with the five (5) staff conditions.

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

Passed

- d. Legislative Hearing - Ordinance 20-029 - extending the territorial limits of the City of Fort Pierce, to include 504 Tumblin Kling Road in Fort Pierce, Florida. FIRST READING

City Clerk Linda Cox introduced the ordinance, read by title only, into the record.

ORDINANCE NO. 20-029

AN ORDINANCE EXTENDING THE TERRITORIAL LIMITS OF THE CITY OF FORT PIERCE, FLORIDA, TO INCLUDE **504 TUMBLIN KLING ROAD IN FORT PIERCE, FLORIDA** AND SHOWN ON EXHIBIT A; DIRECTING THE ST. LUCIE COUNTY PROPERTY APPRAISER TO ASSESS SAID PROPERTY AND PLACE IT ON THE CITY TAX ROLLS AS OF JANUARY 1, 2021; DIRECTING THE ST. LUCIE COUNTY TAX COLLECTOR TO COLLECT TAXES ON THE HEREIN DESCRIBED PROPERTY; ESTABLISHING THE ZONING DESIGNATION; ESTABLISHING THE LAND USE DESIGNATION; DIRECTING FILING OF THE ORDINANCE WITH THE CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT AND CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER OF ST. LUCIE COUNTY; DIRECTING REVISION OF THE CHARTER BOUNDARY ARTICLE TO BE FILED WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE AND SUBMITTED TO THE OFFICE OF ECONOMIC AND DEMOGRAPHIC RESEARCH; PROVIDING FOR A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS THEREOF IN CONFLICT HEREWITH; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. FIRST READING

Planner Brandon Creagan provided an overview of the proposed annexation of 504 Tumblin Kling Road. Mr. Creagan provided slides to further describe the property including a site aerial map, future land use map, and zoning map. The annexation meets the standards of the City's Comprehensive Plan. Planning Staff recommends approval of the proposed annexation with future land use designation of GC and zoning of C-3. Staff recommends approval.

Mayor Hudson opened the Public Hearing. Seeing no one, Mayor Hudson closed the Public Hearing.

Comments by the City Commission: None.

Motion was made by Commissioner Reginald Sessions, seconded by Commissioner Rufus Alexander to approve Ordinance No. 20-029.

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

Passed

13. CITY COMMISSION

- a. Resolution 20-R46 establishing polling places for the November general election.

City Clerk Linda Cox introduced the Resolution, read by title only, into the record.

RESOLUTION NO. 20-R46

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF FORT PIERCE, FLORIDA, PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION OF THE DESIGNATED PRECINCT POLLING PLACES IN THE CITY OF FORT PIERCE FOR THE GENERAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON NOVEMBER 3, 2020; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Motion was made by Commissioner Reginald Sessions, seconded by Commissioner Jeremiah Johnson to approve Resolution 20-R46.

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

Passed

- b. Resolution No. 20-R48 determining that the structure located at 1909 N 16th Street is unsafe, has been condemned in accordance with the International Property Maintenance Code as adopted by the City Commission and should be demolished. A hearing to determine this matter is scheduled before the City Commission on November 16, 2020.

City Clerk Linda Cox introduced the Resolution, read by title only, into the record.

RESOLUTION NO. 20-R48

A RESOLUTION DETERMINING THAT A CERTAIN BUILDING OR STRUCTURE LOCATED AT 1909 N 16TH ST IN FORT PIERCE, FLORIDA, 34950 IS UNSAFE AND A NUISANCE THAT CONSTITUTES A MENACE TO THE BUSINESS, HEALTH AND SAFETY OF THE COMMUNITY; AND THAT ALL PARTIES OF INTEREST MUST SHOW CAUSE WHY THE STRUCTURE SHOULD NOT BE DEMOLISHED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF FORT PIERCE; AND NOTIFYING ALL PARTIES OF POTENTIAL ACTION BY THE CITY OF FORT PIERCE FOR FAILURE TO ACT; AND THAT A PUBLIC HEARING BE HELD AT THE REGULARLY SCHEDULED CITY COMMISSION MEETING ON NOVEMBER 16, 2020 AT 4:30 PM, IN THE CITY COMMISSION CHAMBERS LOCATED AT 100 NORTH US HIGHWAY 1, FORT PIERCE, FLORIDA; AND PROVIDING FOR NOTICE TO ALL PARTIES.

Motion was made by Commissioner Reginald Sessions, seconded by Commissioner Jeremiah Johnson to approve Resolution 20-R48.

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

Passed

- c. Resolution No. 20-R49 determining that the structure located at 712 Avenue E is unsafe, has been condemned in accordance with the International Property Maintenance Code as adopted by the City Commission and should be demolished. A hearing to determine this matter is scheduled before the City Commission on November 16, 2020.

City Clerk Linda Cox introduced the Resolution, read by title only, into the record.

RESOLUTION NO. 20-R49

A RESOLUTION DETERMINING THAT A CERTAIN BUILDING OR STRUCTURE LOCATED AT 712 AVENUE E IN FORT PIERCE, FLORIDA, 34950 IS UNSAFE AND A NUISANCE THAT CONSTITUTES A MENACE TO THE BUSINESS, HEALTH AND SAFETY OF THE COMMUNITY; AND THAT ALL PARTIES OF INTEREST MUST SHOW CAUSE WHY THE STRUCTURE SHOULD NOT BE DEMOLISHED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF FORT PIERCE; AND NOTIFYING ALL PARTIES OF POTENTIAL ACTION BY THE CITY OF FORT PIERCE FOR FAILURE TO ACT; AND THAT A PUBLIC HEARING BE HELD AT THE REGULARLY SCHEDULED CITY COMMISSION MEETING ON NOVEMBER 16, 2020 AT 4:30 PM, IN THE CITY COMMISSION CHAMBERS LOCATED AT 100 NORTH US HIGHWAY 1, FORT PIERCE, FLORIDA; AND PROVIDING FOR NOTICE TO ALL PARTIES.

Motion was made by Commissioner Thomas Perona, seconded by Commissioner Rufus Alexander to approve Resolution 20-R49.

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

Passed

- d. Resolution 20-R51 appointing Mark Arlington to the Parks Advisory Committee as Commissioner Perona's appointee following a resignation.

City Clerk Linda Cox introduced the Resolution, read by title only, into the record.

RESOLUTION NO. 20-R51

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF FORT PIERCE, FLORIDA, CERTIFYING THE APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO THE PARKS ADVISORY COMMITTEE; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Motion was made by Commissioner Thomas Perona, seconded by Commissioner Reginald Sessions to approve Resolution 20-R51 appointing Mark Arlington to the Parks Advisory Committee as Commissioner Perona's appointee.

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

Passed

14. 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 thirty 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.

Tim Gunther
Eileen Clark
Diane Williams Johnson
Tina Hedrick
Bishop Stafford Fisher
Michelle Longarzo
Rick Reed

15. COMMENTS FROM THE CITY MANAGER

Mr. Mimms summarized the infrastructure surtax update and the coronavirus reports which are attached to the agenda.

Regarding 1309 N. 19th Street discussed during public comment, Mr. Mimms will follow up on the construction activity happening at that location and will report to the City Commission his findings. The FPRA meeting to be held on October 27, 2020 is a full agenda and will include items such as the parklet program, economic and redevelopment activity, 708 N 18th Street disposition, CRA Advisory Committee recommendations, Fisherman's Wharf redevelopment, Means Court report which will include a vision for Lincoln Park, streetscape for Avenue D, utilization of the Means Court School and the Jackie Canaan Building which currently houses Lincoln Park Main Street as well as other locations. City Staff will be meeting with St. Lucie County Staff to discuss a partnership in the distribution of the Florida Housing Finance Corporation budget allocation which is in the total amount of \$283,000.00 which will be utilized for rental and mortgage assistance. The City of Fort Pierce will be partnering with St. Lucie County, Florida Division of Emergency Management, and the Florida Department of Health for a mobile testing lab which will be at the Percy Peek Gymnasium on Sunday, October 25, 2020 and at the Ilous Ellis Park on Monday, October 26, 2020 from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm to provide free COVID-19 testing.

Mr. Mimms will request that City Engineer Jack Andrews reach out to Michelle Longarzo regarding the application for driveway construction mentioned during public comment.

City Attorney Peter Sweeney reminded the City Commission that there will be no meeting on October 26, 2020, which is the reserved over-flow meeting date.

City Clerk Linda Cox followed up on Michelle Longarzo's inquiry about registering a property manager for vacation rentals. The information regarding the property manager(s) is gathered as part of the Business Tax Receipt application process and is posted in the public records section of the City's website.

a. Reports

16. COMMENTS FROM THE COMMISSION

Commissioner Alexander requested copies of the photo's showing the raw sewage mentioned by Michelle Longarzo. Commissioner Alexander also has concerns about the rooming house construction renovations at the 19th Street property.

Commissioner Perona has received several phone calls and congratulations regarding the new outdoor exercise corner on Indian River Drive at Seaway. Commissioner Perona discussed the Yacht Club Parking.

Commissioner Sessions expressed concerns regard COVID-19 and reminds the public to take it seriously to avoid having to shut down the amenities again. The numbers are rising again so please wear a mask and practice social distancing. Commissioner Sessions reminds everyone to get out and vote. Commissioner Sessions inquired about Brightline and Virgin Trains and if there is still interest in Fort Pierce. Mr. Mimms stated the interest is still very much there, but the operation had ceased in March or April due to COVID-19. Bringing multi-mode transportation to the City of Fort Pierce remains a priority. The Community Conversation to be hosted by Mr. Lyle Sumak is tentatively scheduled for December 17, 2020. The information gathered at the Fort Pierce Community Conversation will be utilized in building the Strategic Planning Session. Commissioner Sessions encouraged the public to attend the FPUA meeting tomorrow, October 20, 2020.

Commissioner Johnson discussed the building permit data for the current fiscal year and the numbers are great and something to be proud of. Commissioner Johnson would also like to see the numbers from the FPUA as well.

Mayor Hudson will be at the FPUA meeting and will be advocating for postponing the disconnections. Mayor Hudson was invited to a virtual Community Conversation hosted by Alleghany Franciscan Ministries about race relations and racial bias which was very informative. The St. Lucie County Unemployment has dropped to 6.7% which is below the national average. Hospitality was the hardest hit industry.

17. ADJOURNMENT

Immediately following adjournment, please move toward the doors and exit the chambers. This allows for the safe and courteous exit of all persons, and those on the dais. Conversations after the meeting should be held outside of chambers, in the foyer or elsewhere, but not in the commission chambers where lights will be out as soon as the chambers are empty.

Mayor Linda Hudson adjourned the meeting at **7:51 PM**

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK

MAYOR COMMISSIONER