

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 6:00 P.M. ON MONDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2021.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Hudson called the meeting to order at 6:00pm

2. OPENING PRAYER - Pastor Tim O'Carroll, Discovery Church

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

4. ROLL CALL

Present: Commissioner Curtis Johnson, Jr.; Commissioner Jeremiah Johnson; Commissioner Thomas Perona; Mayor Linda Hudson

Absent: Commissioner Rufus Alexander

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

Motion was made by Commissioner Curtis Johnson, Jr., seconded by Commissioner Thomas Perona to excuse Commissioner Alexander.

AYE: Commissioner Curtis Johnson, Jr., Commissioner Jeremiah Johnson, Commissioner Thomas Perona, Mayor Linda Hudson

Passed

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a. Approval of minutes from the January 19, 2021 regular meeting.

Motion was made by Commissioner Curtis Johnson, Jr., seconded by Commissioner Jeremiah Johnson to approve the minutes of the January 19, 2021 meeting.

AYE: Commissioner Curtis Johnson, Jr., Commissioner Jeremiah Johnson, Commissioner Thomas Perona, Mayor Linda Hudson

Passed

6. PROCLAMATIONS

- a. Black History Month Proclamation

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.

Vincent Marcellino , 11c

9. ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS TO AGENDA AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion was made by Commissioner Thomas Perona, seconded by Commissioner Jeremiah Johnson set agenda with the removal of 12a.

AYE: Commissioner Curtis Johnson, Jr., Commissioner Jeremiah Johnson, Commissioner Thomas Perona, Mayor Linda Hudson

Passed

10. MISCELLANEOUS REPORTS

- a. 2020 Parking Study Update presented by Walker Consultants.

Mr. Tom Szubka, Senior Consultant of Walker Consultants provided a presentation on the 2020 Updated Parking Study recommendations. Walker Consultants recommendation is the implementation of paid parking and proposal to take advantage of under-utilized parking garage. Mr. Szubka discussed transportation demand management, strategies, and policies to reduce travel demand or redistribution of existing space based on the time of day. This includes time limits, pricing, alternate location and inventory, and transportation alternatives. Mr. Jim Corbett, Director of Planning addressed ADA spaces and the next steps in the implementation of the Parking Study recommendations before completing the presentation.

Michael Broderick, Chairman of the Parking Committee commented that the Commission has the support of The Downtown Business Alliance on the recommendation of the implementation of a paid parking program. Consensus of the Commission was to direct staff to initiate implementation of the Parking Committee recommendations based on their review of the study. Those recommendations are

1. Implement a paid parking system, within
2. Level of Service A and B, as indicated in the parking study, and
3. Develop a RFP to identify a third-party vendor to administer and manage the paid-parking system, as proposed in the Walker Parking Study and within the district.

11. CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Approval of an Interlocal Agreement between the Fort Pierce Police Department, Saint Lucie County Sheriff's Office, Port Saint Lucie Police Department, Saint Lucie County Fire District, and Saint Lucie County for a new shared Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) and Records Management System (RMS).
- b. Approval of request to reduce lot clearing fees in the amount of \$8,903.42 against 610 N 25th Street, Fort Pierce, FL, Parcel ID Number 2404-710-0066-000-6 owned by Sheila Cueto, 3167 SW Bessey Creek Trl., Palm City, FL 34990; staff recommends waiving the costs for interest, penalties, and fees in the amount of \$6,368.61, leaving a balance due of \$2,534.81 payable at close of sale.
- c. Approval of request to reduce lot clearing fees in the amount of \$3,895.26 against 421 N 16th Street, Fort Pierce, FL, Parcel ID Number 2409-506-0044-000-4 owned by Sheila Cueto, 3167 SW Bessey Creek Trl., Palm City, FL 34990; staff recommends waiving the costs for interest, penalties, and fees in the amount of \$2,422.20, leaving a balance due of \$1,473.06 payable at close of sale.
- d. Approval of request to reduce lot clearing fees in the amount of \$4,231.13 against 1224 Avenue G, Fort Pierce, FL, Parcel ID Number 2404-442-0010-000-7 owned by Leo Cueto (TR) (EST), 3167 SW Bessey Creek Trl., Palm City, FL 34990; staff recommends waiving the costs for interest, penalties, and fees in the amount of \$2,680.09, leaving a balance due of \$1,551.04 payable at close of sale.
- e. Approve request to reduce the Building Department lien in the amount of \$4,360.00 against 602 N 22nd Street, Fort Pierce, FL 34950 - Parcel ID Number: 2404-709-0042-000/8, owned by CJBR N 22nd St LLC, 4977 N State Road 7, Lauderhill, FL 33319 to \$925.00 payable in 30 days.
- f. Approve service agreement for CentralSquare Technologies., Lake Mary, FL for the annual maintenance renewal in the amount not to exceed \$89,918.94.
- g. Approve a waiver of potential conflict of interest for Ms. Cynthia Angelos; Ms. Angelos is currently part of a group of lawyers who represent the City of Fort Pierce with respect to the opioid litigation, which has been filed in Federal Court. Her firm has been requested by Legacy Development Partners LLC to assist them in obtaining development of property located in Fort Pierce, Florida, thus requiring a waiver of conflict.

Motion was made by Commissioner Curtis Johnson, Jr., seconded by Commissioner Thomas Perona to approve the consent agenda.

AYE: Commissioner Curtis Johnson, Jr., Commissioner Jeremiah Johnson, Commissioner Thomas Perona, Mayor Linda Hudson

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. * **PULLED AT THE REQUEST OF STAFF - PROPERTY WAS SOLD.** Resolution No. 21-R13 and Quasi-Judicial Hearing – A hearing to allow the owners and/or parties of interest in the property identified as 513 N 18th Street to show cause why the structure located on the premises should not be condemned and demolished.
- b. Ordinance 21-002 Amending Chapter 109 of the Code of Ordinances, Floodplain Management Ordinance. FIRST READING

City Clerk Linda Cox introduced the ordinance, read by title only, into the record. ORDINANCE NO. 21-002 AN ORDINANCE BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF FORT PIERCE, FLORIDA BY AMENDING CHAPTER 109 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES ENTITLED "FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT," TO PROVIDE CRITERIA FOR ACCESSORY STRUCTURES AND AGRICULTURAL STRUCTURES IN FLOOD HAZARD AREAS; TO SPECIFY ELEVATION OF MANUFACTURED HOMES IN FLOOD HAZARD AREAS; PROVIDING FOR APPLICABILITY; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. FIRST READING.

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

Motion was made by Commissioner Jeremiah Johnson, seconded by Commissioner Thomas Perona to approve Ordinance no. 21-002.

AYE: Commissioner Curtis Johnson, Jr., Commissioner Jeremiah Johnson, Commissioner Thomas Perona, Mayor Linda Hudson
Passed

13. CITY COMMISSION

- a. Resolution 21-R09 appointing Betty Bradwell and Tonya Hart to the Housing Authority of Fort Pierce.

City Clerk Linda Cox introduced the Resolution, read by title only, into the record. RESOLUTION NO. 21-R09- A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF FORT PIERCE, FLORIDA, CERTIFYING THE MAYOR'S APPOINTMENTS AS COMMISSIONERS OF THE HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF FORT PIERCE; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Motion was made by Commissioner Curtis Johnson, Jr., seconded by Commissioner Jeremiah Johnson to approve Resolution 21-R09.

AYE: Commissioner Curtis Johnson, Jr., Commissioner Jeremiah Johnson, Commissioner Thomas Perona, Mayor Linda Hudson
Passed

- b. Applications for consideration for appointment to the Sunrise Theatre Advisory Board.

City Clerk Linda Cox indicated that this will come back for a vote at the next meeting.

14. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

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Danny Lawson

15. COMMENTS FROM THE CITY MANAGER

- a. Reports

City Manager Nick Mimms provided both the City Managers and Purchasing reports. Mr. Mimms commented that he provided the report from the local health administrator who will be in attendance on February 8th to report of the Department of Health's activities regarding the Coronavirus and the County-Wide Vaccination Plan.

16. COMMENTS FROM THE COMMISSION

Commissioner Curtis Johnson Jr. brought attention to the ribbon cutting he and City Manager Mimms attended on last week. As we embarked on African American History month, Commissioner Curtis Johnson Jr. paid tribute to the first African American Commissioner of St. Lucie County, Jackie Caynon.

Commissioner Thomas Perona would like consideration given to the implementation of a Lien Review Committee. This committee could in act as a Credit Program to reduce or offset lien amounts by crediting for work done to upgrade property.

Commissioner Jeremiah Johnson commented good things are happening in the City of Fort Pierce. Changes are happening on both the City and State level giving the City new opportunities.

Mayor Hudson had no comments.

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 Hudson adjourned the meeting at 7:56 pm.

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK

MAYOR COMMISSIONER