

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 4:30 P.M. ON TUESDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2021

1. CALL TO ORDER

City Clerk Linda Cox announced that Commissioner Tom Perona was finishing up jury duty and hoped to be at city hall soon. Because Commissioner Johnson is absent, Commissioner Perona's attendance would be required to reach quorum and allow the meeting to occur.

Chairwomen Linda Hudson called the meeting to order at 4:48 P.M.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. ROLL CALL

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

Absent: Commissioner Jeremiah Johnson

Staff Present: City Clerk Linda Cox
City Manager Nicholas Mimms
City Attorney Tanya Earley

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a. Approval of the minutes from the September 14, 2021 Regular Meeting.

Motion was made by Commissioner Curtis Johnson, Jr., seconded by Commissioner Thomas Perona to approve the minutes from the September 14, 2021 Regular Meeting.

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

Passed

5. 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, Commissioners, and the Public with respect. Inappropriate language will not be tolerated. **Sign-up sheet is located in the lobby.**

No comments

6. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Approval of the lease agreement between the Fort Pierce Redevelopment Agency and Incubate Neighborhood Center to lease and improve Means Court Center.

Incubate Neighborhood Center, Chief Executive Officer, Caniera Gardner, presented the utilization, lease, and improvements of the Means Court Center as a multi-service community hub. This project will be completed in three phases in collaboration with community partners for the residents of Lincoln Park.

Commissioner Perona inquired as to how the program would be funded. Ms. Gardner indicated that funds have been identified, but are contingent on the executed lease. INC is responsible for entrepreneurship, homeownership, and Workforce Reimagined with the other services offered by its partners.

Chairwomen Hudson inquired if the partnerships have been established with organizations that do the work required, if there is enough room for the farmers market and garden, and the timeline for phase 1. Ms. Gardner replied she has made contact with organizations that would meet the need, that there is room for both projects, and the timeline is one year with consideration on funding and construction,

Motion was made by Commissioner Curtis Johnson, Jr., seconded by Commissioner Thomas Perona to approve the lease agreement between FPRA and Incubate Neighborhood Center to lease and improve Means Court Center.

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

Passed

- b. Resolution 21-12 authorizing the sale of 434 North 15th Street to the successful bidder, Brego Construction Corp.

Linda Cox, City Clerk , introduced Resolution 21-12, read by title only.

FPRA RESOLUTION NO. 21-12

A RESOLUTION OF THE FORT PIERCE REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY, A DEPENDENT SPECIAL DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF FORT PIERCE, FLORIDA, DETERMINING THE TRANSFER OF THE REAL PROPERTY COMMONLY KNOWN AS 434 NORTH 15TH STREET, FORT PIERCE, FLORIDA, PREVIOUSLY DECLARED AS SURPLUS PROPERTY TO BE IN THE BEST INTEREST OF THE PUBLIC; DETERMINING THAT A BID FOR THE REAL PROPERTY FROM A THIRD PARTY PURCHASER FOR VALUE TO BE IN THE PUBLIC INTEREST, AND AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE OFFICERS, ATTORNEYS AND AGENTS OF THE FORT PIERCE REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY TO TAKE ALL ACTIONS NECESSARY TO CARRY OUT TRANSACTIONS AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Motion was made by Commissioner Thomas Perona, seconded by Commissioner Curtis Johnson, Jr. to approve Resolution 21-12.

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

Passed

- c. Resolution 21-13 authorizing the sale of 427 North 16th Street to the successful bidder, Brego Construction Corp.

Linda Cox, City Clerk, introduced Resolution 21-13, read by title only.

FPRA RESOLUTION NO. 21-13

A RESOLUTION OF THE FORT PIERCE REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY, A DEPENDENT SPECIAL DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF FORT PIERCE, FLORIDA, DETERMINING THE TRANSFER OF THE REAL PROPERTY COMMONLY KNOWN AS 427 NORTH 16TH STREET, FORT PIERCE, FLORIDA, PREVIOUSLY DECLARED AS SURPLUS PROPERTY TO BE IN THE BEST INTEREST OF THE PUBLIC; DETERMINING THAT A BID FOR THE REAL PROPERTY FROM A THIRD PARTY PURCHASER FOR VALUE TO BE IN THE PUBLIC INTEREST, AND AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE OFFICERS, ATTORNEYS AND AGENTS OF THE FORT PIERCE REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY TO TAKE ALL ACTIONS NECESSARY TO CARRY OUT TRANSACTIONS AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Motion was made by Commissioner Curtis Johnson, Jr., seconded by Commissioner Thomas Perona to approve Resolution 21-13.

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

Passed

- d. Resolution 21-14 authorizing the sale of 318 North 17th Street to the successful bidder, Brego Construction Corp.

Linda Cox, City Clerk, introduced Resolution 21-14, read by title only.

FPRA RESOLUTION NO. 21-14

A RESOLUTION OF THE FORT PIERCE REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY, A DEPENDENT SPECIAL DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF FORT PIERCE, FLORIDA, DETERMINING THE TRANSFER OF THE REAL PROPERTY COMMONLY KNOWN AS 318 NORTH 17TH STREET, FORT PIERCE, FLORIDA, PREVIOUSLY DECLARED AS SURPLUS PROPERTY TO BE IN THE BEST INTEREST OF THE PUBLIC; DETERMINING THAT A BID FOR THE REAL PROPERTY FROM A THIRD PARTY PURCHASER FOR VALUE TO BE IN THE PUBLIC INTEREST, AND AUTHORIZING AND

DIRECTING THE OFFICERS, ATTORNEYS AND AGENTS OF THE FORT PIERCE REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY TO TAKE ALL ACTIONS NECESSARY TO CARRY OUT TRANSACTIONS AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Motion was made by Commissioner Thomas Perona, seconded by Commissioner Curtis Johnson, Jr. to approve Resolution 21-14.

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

- e. Resolution 21-15 authorizing the sale of Avenue B (parcel ID: 2410-604-0134-000-7) to the successful bidder, Brego Construction Corp.

Linda Cox, City Clerk, introduced Resolution 21-15, read by title only.

FPRA RESOLUTION NO. 21-15

A RESOLUTION OF THE FORT PIERCE REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY, A DEPENDENT SPECIAL DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF FORT PIERCE, FLORIDA, DETERMINING THE TRANSFER OF THE REAL PROPERTY COMMONLY KNOWN AS LOT 6 OF BLOCK H OF BENN J. HOGG'S ADDITION ON AVENUE B, FORT PIERCE, FLORIDA, PREVIOUSLY DECLARED AS SURPLUS PROPERTY TO BE IN THE BEST INTEREST OF THE PUBLIC; DETERMINING THAT A BID FOR THE REAL PROPERTY FROM A THIRD PARTY PURCHASER FOR VALUE TO BE IN THE PUBLIC INTEREST, AND AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE OFFICERS, ATTORNEYS AND AGENTS OF THE FORT PIERCE REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY TO TAKE ALL ACTIONS NECESSARY TO CARRY OUT TRANSACTIONS AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Motion was made by Commissioner Curtis Johnson, Jr., seconded by Commissioner Thomas Perona to approve Resolution 21-15.

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

- f. Resolution 21-16 authorizing the sale of surplus property on North 22nd Street (parcel ID: 2404-710-0017-000-8) to the successful bidder, Brego Construction Corp.

Linda Cox, City Clerk, introduced Resolution 21-16, read by title only.

FPRA RESOLUTION NO. 21-16

A RESOLUTION OF THE FORT PIERCE REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY, A DEPENDENT SPECIAL DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF FORT PIERCE, FLORIDA, DETERMINING THE TRANSFER OF THE REAL PROPERTY COMMONLY KNOWN AS LOT 17 OF BLOCK 1 OF ELDORADO SUBDIVISION ON NORTH 22ND STREET, FORT PIERCE, FLORIDA, PREVIOUSLY DECLARED AS SURPLUS PROPERTY TO BE IN THE BEST INTEREST OF THE PUBLIC; DETERMINING THAT A BID FOR THE REAL PROPERTY FROM A THIRD PARTY PURCHASER FOR VALUE TO BE IN THE PUBLIC INTEREST, AND AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE OFFICERS, ATTORNEYS AND AGENTS OF THE FORT PIERCE REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY TO TAKE ALL ACTIONS NECESSARY TO CARRY OUT TRANSACTIONS AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Motion was made by Commissioner Thomas Perona, seconded by Commissioner Curtis Johnson, Jr. to approve Resolution 21-16.

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

- g. Resolution No. 21-17 appointing Phillip Thompson to the CRA Advisory Board.

Linda Cox, City Clerk, introduced Resolution 21-17, read by title only.

FPRA RESOLUTION NO. 21-17

A RESOLUTION OF THE FORT PIERCE REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY, A DEPENDENT SPECIAL DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF FORT PIERCE, FLORIDA; CERTIFYING THE APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO THE COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY ADVISORY COMMITTEE; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Commissioner Curtis Johnson inquired if this would complete the seats on the committee which was confirmed by City Clerk Linda Cox. Additionally, Ms. Cox confirmed that Mr. Thompason lives within the FPRA area.

Motion was made by Commissioner Thomas Perona, seconded by Commissioner Curtis Johnson, Jr. to approve Resolution 21-17.

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

Passed

- h. Discussion of Community Beautification & Neighborhood Sustainability at the request of Commissioner Curtis Johnson, Jr.

Commissioner Curtis Johnson introduced a discussion on Community Beautification and Neighborhood Sustainability and expressed concern with the cleanliness and maintenance of the City, and how this issue should be addressed through funding and contracting with local businesses. Commissioner Johnson provided pictures of specific areas of concern. Chairwomen Hudson inquired of City Manager Nick Mimms if this is the City's responsibility; Mr. Mimms responded that it is.

Mr. Mimms introduced Mike Reals, Public Works Director to elaborate on the City's maintenance plan. Mr. Reals explained the services were handled prior to the pandemic through partnership with the Department of Justice at a fee of \$65,000 yearly for one officer and five crew members. An additional crew has been considered which will be requested when the DOJ responds. Public Works is looking into ways to improve service delivery which includes contracting with local businesses, and community engagement.

Commissioner Perona inquired as to how problem areas are identified. Mr. Reals replied, public works crews, inspector, code enforcement, and see click fix.

Mr. Mimms responded that community engagement is important for change as is accessing the major roads for beautification.

7. STAFF COMMENTS

Special Projects Coordinator, Audria Moore-Wells provided an overview of the states allocation of funds for the African American Cultural and Historical Resources Grant provided from the American Rescue Plan as applications are now being accepted. The projects in consideration are The Highwaymen Museum, and The Lincoln Theater Restoration.

Economic Development Manager, Shyanne Harnage presented an update on Kings Landing, Fishermen's Wharf, and Lindsay School of the Arts Projects. On October 25, 2021 a Special Meeting will take place for the Kings Landing Project. Fishermen's Wharf is still in the due diligence period while Lindsay School of the Arts is working on funding.

8. BOARD COMMENTS

No comments

9. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 6:05 P.M.

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK

CHAIRPERSON