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OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
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TO; City Commission

FROM: Linda Hudson, Mayor

DATE: July 5, 2022

SUBJ: Commission Meeting Start times

I would like for the commission to consider altering our commission meeting start times for our first and third Mondays to begin meetings at 5:05 pm, in the interest of consistency, and in consideration for the growth of Fort Pierce and the increasing number of major projects and items to be considered for the betterment of our city.

In the summer of 2020, this commission altered meeting start times from 6:30 pm, to 6:00 pm for the first meeting and 4:30 pm for the second meeting. This was done by Resolution at the time, and can be easily changed again. The earlier start times were intended to allow more time for consideration of major items. Statutorily, certain meetings require a start after 5:00 p.m. time, such as adoption of budget and millage rates; changes to use table; city-initiated rezoning of more than ten acres and brownfield designations.

Starting both meetings at 5:05 pm will provide for consistency, so that the public will always know the start time of commission meetings. This new start time will be 55 minutes earlier for the first meeting and 35 minutes later for the second meeting.

Our city is growing, and our meetings are getting longer. It is the intent with this proposed change to provide for time to consider new projects, to hear from the public and to be able to have important discussions earlier in the evening, therefor not taxing the public, staff or commission with late hour consideration of topics of importance.

Fort Pierce is experiencing a time of growth. Starting our meetings at 5:05 pm will provide for consistency for the public, staff and the commission, will always be correct according to Florida statutes, and will enable the commission to make the best possible decisions for Fort Pierce.