

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 TUESDAY, **FEBRUARY 22, 2022.**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Hudson called the February 22, 2022 Regular Meeting of the City Commission to order at 4:30 P.M.

**2. OPENING PRAYER - The Reverend Canon Ellis E. Brust, St. Andrew's Episcopal Church**

**3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**4. ROLL CALL**

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

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

**5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- a. Approval of Minutes from February 07, 2022 Regular Meeting

Motion was made by Commissioner Curtis Johnson, Jr., seconded by Commissioner Thomas Perona to approve the minutes of the February 07, 2022 Regular Meeting.

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

Passed

**6. PROCLAMATIONS**

- a. Proclamation recognizing Carole Mushier

**7. LETTERS TO COMMISSION**

- a. Email from Liesl Marelli praising Kim Olson, Animal Control Officer, for her response, dedication, and expertise in capturing loose dogs in her neighborhood.

**8. ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS TO AGENDA AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

City Manager Nick Mimms requested that an item be added as 13e approving a Letter of Support and Application Authorization for Florida Job Growth Grant Fund Request for Revitalization of the Historic Downtown Waterfront Corridor.

City Clerk Linda Cox requested that item 13b be moved as item 12F because it is a quasi-judicial public hearing.

Motion was made by Commissioner Jeremiah Johnson, seconded by Commissioner Thomas Perona to approve the agenda as amended.

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

Passed

**9. 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.

No comments

**10. MISCELLANEOUS REPORTS**

- a. Fort Pierce Lions Club Check Presentation to the City of Fort Pierce for the construction of an outdoor fitness station with ADA accessible amenities at Fenn Park, North 23rd Street and Avenue K.

Mike Reals, Director of Public Works and Ruth Davis, President, Fort Pierce Lions Club presented a check for \$40,000 to the City for Expo Fit Project to benefit Fenn Park. Mr. Reals explained that the project is in the design stages, but construction will begin soon.

- b. Presentation about the great happenings at Boys & Girls Clubs of St. Lucie County

Mia Morrison, Youth of the Year recipient, Dr. Anastasia Legakes, Vice President of Continuous Quality Improvement, and Linda Soto, Vice President of Specialized Services thanked the many business partners for their ongoing support, presented the three pillar Strategic Plan, and current and upcoming youth opportunities.

Commissioner Gaines commended Mia Morrison and the Boys & Girls Club on their work.

Commissioner Curtis Johnson Jr. commended Mia Morrison and the Boys & Girls Club and commented on the Youth of the Year award ceremony.

**11. CONSENT AGENDA**

- a. Approve request to reduce the Building Department lien in the amount of \$15,560.00 against 808 1/2 N 17th Street, Fort Pierce, FL 34950 - Parcel ID Number: 2404-816-0022-000/1, owned by Darshan Patil, 871 NE 207th Ln Apt 201, Miami Beach, FL 33179 to \$822.62 payable within 5 months.
- b. Approve Letter of Support for FPUA Grant Application for Solar Panels and Water Feature at Jaycee Park Community Playground Build.

Commissioner Perona pulled item 11b

Motion was made by Commissioner Thomas Perona, seconded by Commissioner Jeremiah Johnson to approve item 11a

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

Passed

As to item 11b

Commissioner Perona commented that with the help of staff the project is moving forward in a great way. This project represents the changes taking place in the City.

Commissioner Jeremiah Johnson commented that the projects presented represent accessibility for all ages.

Commissioner Gaines commented that this project may be the model for parks moving forward.

Motion was made by Commissioner Thomas Perona, seconded by Commissioner Arnold Gaines to approve item 11b

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

Passed

## 12. PUBLIC HEARINGS

- a. Legislative Hearing - Ordinance 22-006 - An ordinance extending the territorial limits of the City of Fort Pierce, Florida, to include one (1) parcel (parcel 5) at or near 4145 S US Highway 1 in Fort Pierce, Florida. SECOND READING

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

ORDINANCE NO. 22-006

AN ORDINANCE EXTENDING THE TERRITORIAL LIMITS OF THE CITY OF FORT PIERCE, FLORIDA, TO INCLUDE ONE (1) PARCEL (PARCEL 5) AT OR NEAR 4145 S US HIGHWAY 1 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, 2023; 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.

Mayor Hudson opened the public hearing.  
Seeing no one, she closed the public hearing.

Motion was made by Commissioner Jeremiah Johnson, seconded by Commissioner Curtis Johnson, Jr. to approve Ordinance No. 22-006.

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

Passed

- b. Legislative Hearing - Ordinance 22-007 - An ordinance extending the territorial limits of the City of Fort Pierce, Florida, to include one (1) parcel (Parcel 6) at or near 4145 S US Highway 1 in Fort Pierce, Florida. SECOND READING

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

ORDINANCE NO. 22-007

AN ORDINANCE EXTENDING THE TERRITORIAL LIMITS OF THE CITY OF FORT PIERCE, FLORIDA, TO INCLUDE ONE (1) PARCEL (PARCEL 6) AT OR NEAR 4145 S US HIGHWAY 1 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, 2023; 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.

Mayor Hudson opened the public hearing.  
Seeing no one, she closed the public hearing.

Motion was made by Commissioner Arnold Gaines, seconded by Commissioner Thomas Perona to approve Ordinance 22-007.

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

Passed

- c. Legislative Hearing - Ordinance 22-008 - An ordinance extending the territorial limits of the City of Fort Pierce, Florida, to include one (1) parcel at or near 2602 McNeil Road in Fort Pierce, Florida. SECOND READING

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

ORDINANCE NO. 22-008

AN ORDINANCE EXTENDING THE TERRITORIAL LIMITS OF THE CITY OF FORT PIERCE, FLORIDA, TO INCLUDE ONE (1) PARCEL AT OR NEAR 2602 MCNEIL 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, 2023; 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.

Mayor Hudson opened the public hearing.  
Seeing no one, she closed the public hearing.

Motion was made by Commissioner Curtis Johnson, Jr., seconded by  
Commissioner Arnold Gaines to approve Ordinance 22-008.

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

Passed

- d. Legislative Hearing - Ordinance 22-009 - Impact Fee Moratorium within Urban Infill  
and Redevelopment Area. FIRST READING.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 22-009

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF  
FORT PIERCE, FLORIDA; PROVIDING FOR A MORATORIUM ON THE  
IMPOSITION AND COLLECTION OF CITY IMPACT FEES FOR A PERIOD OF  
SIX (6) MONTHS WITHIN THE BOUNDARIES OF THE CITY'S DESIGNATED  
URBAN INFILL AND REDEVELOPMENT AREA REQUIRED BY SECTIONS  
113-8, 113-15 THROUGH AND INCLUDING 113-19 OF THE CITY CODE;  
REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS THEREOF IN CONFLICT  
HEREWITH; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING FOR  
AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

City Manager Nick Mimms explained that approval is required to extend the  
Impact Fee Moratorium.

Mayor Hudson opened the public hearing.  
Seeing no one, she closed the public hearing.

Commissioner Perona commented that he wants to ensure that the benefits of  
the Moratorium are visible.

Commissioner Jeremiah Johnson commented that the community engagement is  
necessary for the success and value of the Moratorium.

Commissioner Gaines inquired as to how the community is being notified of the  
program.

Mr. Mimms commented that this opportunity will be aggressively promoted by the  
communications staff.

Commissioner Curtis Johnson, Jr. commented that partners like St Lucie County  
could be valuable in promoting the program.

Motion was made by Commissioner Jeremiah Johnson, seconded by  
Commissioner Curtis Johnson, Jr. to approve Ordinance No. 22-009.

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

Passed

- e. Quasi-Judicial Hearing - Review and approval of an application for Site Plan (Development and Design Review) submitted by property owner, Jetson Investment, Inc., and applicant MBV Engineering, for **Jetson TV and Appliances** generally located at 4145 S. US Highway 1, to construct an approximate 32,330 square foot warehouse facility addition. The property is zoned General Commercial Zone (C-3). Parcel ID(s): 2434-314-0005-000-8 and 2434-314-0003-000-4.

City Clerk Linda Cox introduced the Application for Site Plan, read by title only, into the record. Review and approval of an application for Site Plan (Development and Design Review) submitted by property owner, Jetson Investment, Inc., and applicant MBV Engineering, for Jetson TV and Appliances generally located at 4145 S. US Highway 1, to construct an approximate 32,330 square foot warehouse facility addition. The property is zoned General Commercial Zone (C-3). Parcel ID(s): 2434-314-0005-000-8 and 2434-314-0003-000-4.

Mayor Linda Hudson asked all present to listen carefully to what City Attorney Tanya Earley would read regarding Quasi-Judicial Hearings as they apply to subsequent Quasi- Judicial Hearings tonight. Tanya Earley, City Attorney, reviewed the quasi-judicial hearing rules and procedures.

Mayor Linda Hudson called the proceeding to order.

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

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

Commissioner Arnold Gaines- yes  
Commissioner Curtis Johnson Jr.-no  
Commissioner Jeremiah Johnson- no  
Commissioner Thomas Perona- no  
Mayor Hudson- no

City Clerk Linda Cox swore in those wanting to speak during this Quasi-Judicial hearing.

Staff Presentation:

Vennis Gilmore, Senior Planner, presented the review for approval of an application for Site Plan for Jetson TV and Appliance located at 4145 S US Highway 1. Staff recommends APPROVAL of the requested applications with the following conditions:

1. A completed certification by a landscape architect, cost estimate, and landscape bond pursuant to City Code 123-6 shall be required before the Final Certificate of Occupancy is approved for the site.
2. Prior to the issuance of Building Permit approval, provide colored elevations to demonstrate that the proposed building conforms to the specifications of City Code 125-314, Design Review to confirm that the architecture and color scheme of the new structure will match that of the existing structure.
3. Provide up-lighting to the outside of the building to help with lighting at night and to enhance security and visibility.
4. Prior to the issuance of Building Permit approval, a Unity of Title with the St. Lucie County Clerk of Courts and a Parcel Combination with the St. Lucie County Property Appraiser shall be provided.

Questions of Staff:

None

Applicant Questions of Staff:

Ryan McLean, Project Manager, MBV Engineering had no questions of staff.

Questions of Applicant:

Commissioner Jeremiah Johnson inquired if the applicant had any objections to the conditions presented. Mr. McLean responded there were not.

Mayor Hudson inquired as to what would be stored at this location and if it would service the Treasure Coast. Mr. McLean responded that this facility is for housing and distribution of their goods and will service the Treasure Coast.

Mayor Hudson opened the public hearing.  
Seeing no one, she closed the public hearing.

Motion was made by Commissioner Jeremiah Johnson, seconded by Commissioner Curtis Johnson, Jr. to approve Site Plan application with four conditions.

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

Passed

Jennifer Hofmeister-Drew, Planning Director, introduced new employee Ryan Altizer.

- f. Moved from Item 13b - Resolution No. 22-R08 and Quasi-Judicial Hearing – A hearing to allow the owners and/or parties of interest in the property identified as 505 N 13th Street to show cause why the structure located on the premises should not have been condemned and demolished.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 22-R08

A RESOLUTION DETERMINING THAT A CERTAIN BUILDING OR STRUCTURE LOCATED AT 505 N 13TH ST IN FORT PIERCE, FLORIDA 34950 WAS DECLARED AN IMMINENT DANGER BY THE BUILDING OFFICIAL AND IS THEREFORE UNSAFE AND A NUISANCE THAT CONSTITUTES A MENACE TO THE BUSINESS, HEALTH AND SAFETY OF THE COMMUNITY; AND THAT SAID BUILDING OR STRUCTURE HAS BEEN DEMOLISHED; DECLARING THE PARTIES OF INTEREST WERE PROVIDED THE OPPORTUNITY TO BE HEARD; AND ORDERING THE CITY OF FORT PIERCE TO PLACE A LIEN UPON THE PROPERTY IDENTIFIED IF NOT REIMBURSED FOR THE COST OF REMOVAL BY THE OWNER; PROVIDING FOR APPEAL; PROVIDING FOR NOTICE TO ALL PARTIES; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE

Mayor Linda Hudson called the proceeding to order.

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

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

Commissioner Arnold Gaines- yes

Commissioner Curtis Johnson Jr.-no

Commissioner Jeremiah Johnson- no

Commissioner Thomas Perona- no

Mayor Hudson- no

City Clerk Linda Cox swore in those wanting to speak during this Quasi-Judicial hearing.

Staff Presentation:

Peggy Arraiz, Director of Community Response, presented the condemnation and demolition of the property at N 13th Street.

Staff recommends the City Commission approve Resolution No. 22-R08 declaring that the structure located at 505 N 13th Street was condemned and demolished in accordance with the Rules of Procedure for Condemnation and Demolition as adopted by the City Commission.

Questions of Staff:

Commissioner Curtis Johnson inquired if the cost would be added to the the existing liens and inquired as to the the total the current liens. Mrs. Arraiz responded that an invoice would be sent to the owner and if not paid, would added to the lien. She she will provide City Manager Nick Mimms the requested totals.

Commissioner Perona inquired if utilities were on and was it determined that this fire occurred purposely, and if there will be a lien against the property. Mrs. Arraiz responded that no utilities were on, the fire was not set deliberately, but a campfire may have been in use, and that the owner will have the opportunity to pay the cost, or it will be added to the existing fees.

Commissioner Gaines inquired if the property could have been salvaged because it is a historical property, and that due to the proximity to Means Court, it may be beneficial. Mrs. Arraiz responded that she spoke with the historic preservation officer and provided information from the building and fire officials that the property must be demolished. Life, health, and safety concerns supersede the historical component.

Mayor Hudson inquired of City Attorney Tanya Earley if the City would foreclose on the property for future sale. Mrs. Earley confirmed that is correct.

Mayor Hudson opened the public hearing.  
Seeing no one, she closed the public hearing.

Motion was made by Commissioner Curtis Johnson, Jr., seconded by Commissioner Jeremiah Johnson to approve Resolution No 22-R08

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

Passed

### 13. CITY COMMISSION

- a. Approval of FPUA Resolution UA2021-14 establishing FPUAnet Rates.

Javier Cisneros, Director of FPUA, and Jason Mittler, FPUAnet Manger presented the FPUA Resolution for the establishment of FPUAnet rates which include the benefits of fiber, community impacts, enterprise, commercial/residential service, and broadband service offerings.

Commissioner Curtis Johnson inquired if the service rates are set in stone. Mr. Mittler responded that they are not set in stone as there are promotional rates and this is not standard broadband but fiber.

Commissioner Jeremiah Johnson inquired of the infrastructure and reliability. Mr. Mittler responded that this is not a copper product but fiber with is much more reliable.

Commissioner Gaines inquired have citizens with low income been considered in the rates. Mr. Mittler responded that the Affordable Care Act has provided fifteen million dollars by way of thirty-dollar vouchers and one-hundred-dollar stipend toward a device. An application has already been submitted to support that need.

Motion was made by Commissioner Arnold Gaines, seconded by Commissioner Jeremiah Johnson for the approval of FPUA Resolution UA2021-14 establishing FPUAnet Rates.

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

Passed

- b. Resolution 22-R09 appointing Darrell Drummond to the Board of Adjustment as Commissioner Curtis Johnson's appointee.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 22-R09

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF FORT PIERCE, FLORIDA, CERTIFYING THE APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO THE BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT, PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Motion was made by Commissioner Curtis Johnson, Jr., seconded by Commissioner Arnold Gaines to approve Resolution 22-R09.

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

Passed

- c. Resolution 22-R10 reappointing members to the Board of Examiners of Contractors.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 22-R10

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF FORT PIERCE, FLORIDA, CERTIFYING THE APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO THE BOARD OF EXAMINERS OF CONTRACTORS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Motion was made by Commissioner Jeremiah Johnson, seconded by Commissioner Curtis Johnson, Jr. to approve Resolution 22-R10.

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

Passed

- e. **ADDED ITEM** - Letter of Support and Application Authorization for Florida Job Growth Grant Fund Request - Revitalization of the Historic Downtown Waterfront Corridor

Mr. Mimms introduced the opportunity for the Florida Job Growth Grant Fund request for the revitalization of the Historic Downtown Waterfront Corridor which could provide for upgrades to parking, road reconstruction and the bridge at Moore's Creek.

Commissioner Jeremiah Johnson commented that this is a good opportunity and inquired if this is for the letter and grant application.

Mr. Mimms responded that it is and requires Commission approval to expedite the process.

Commissioner Gaines inquired if this letter is for authorization to present a letter to the governor requesting said funds.

City Attorney Earley asked that this item be opened for public comment.

Mayor Hudson opened the public hearing.  
Seeing no one, she closed the public hearing.

Motion was made by Commissioner Jeremiah Johnson, seconded by Commissioner Arnold Gaines to approve the Letter of Support and Application Authorization for Florida Job Growth Grant Fund Request.

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

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.

Darshan Patil

#### **15. COMMENTS FROM THE CITY MANAGER**

Mr. Mimms informed the Commission that Mrs. Moore-Wells and members of the Highwaymen Foundation are in Tallahassee and have positive response to the possible funding of the Highwaymen Museum.

Mr. Mimms announced that there is a public hearing set for Monday, March 7th and a second hearing for Monday, March 21st for the adoption of a proposed resolution to designate two parcels and 100 Blue Sky Circle as the Blue Sky Landing Green Reuse Area with hearings taking place during regularly scheduled Commission meetings for affordable housing opportunities, and on February 28th a public input workshop will take place to discuss the proposed parking ordinance.

City Clerk Linda Cox -no comments  
Attorney Tanya Earley- no comments

#### **16. COMMENTS FROM THE COMMISSION**

Commissioner Jeremiah Johnson expressed that there are wonderful things happening in the City, South Beach Association is having an event on Thursday with special guest from St Lucie and Martin Counties, Sunrise Kiwanis, FPRA and possibly code enforcement.

Commissioner Gaines commented that he attended his first retirement board meeting, St. Lucie County Homeless Task Force town hall meeting will take place on Thursday, March 4th from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Fern Center, and that it was a pleasure to attend the canon presentation.

Commissioner Perona congratulated Main Street on their work, Surfside Park is celebrating its 50th Anniversary, and that it is taking longer to go over the south bridge; a sign of the changes taking place in the City.

Commissioner Curtis Johnson commented that the City had four New York Journalists in town and thanked St Lucie Tourism for inviting them. He also mentioned that he is heading to Tallahassee in support of the Highwaymen funding proposal as the application has been reviewed and is looking favorable,

and will attend the EDC meeting, Florida League of Cities, and visit Representative office.

Mayor Hudson commented that she attended the reception at the welfare home and the Main Street event. The Florida Lineman Competition will take place February 25th and 26th at the Fenn Center as well as the 25th Anniversary of the Farmers Market and the Cracker Trail will be present.

**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 6:23 p.m.

ATTEST:

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CITY CLERK

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MAYOR COMMISSIONER