

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 P.M. ON MONDAY, AUGUST 1, 2022.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Hudson called the August 1, 2022, Regular Meeting of the City Commission to order at 6:00 P.M.

2. OPENING PRAYER - Reverend George Welch with White City United Methodist 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 Attorney Tanya Earley
Acting City Manager Jack Andrews

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a. Approval of Minutes from July 18, 2022 Regular Meeting

Motion was made by Commissioner Thomas Perona, seconded by Commissioner Curtis Johnson, Jr. to approve the minutes of the July 18, 2022 Regular Meeting.

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

Passed

6. PROCLAMATIONS

- a. Fort Pierce Farmers Market Week

7. LETTERS TO COMMISSION

- a. Letter from Mark Music, President, MMPS Environmental, Inc. awarding Certificates of Appreciation to the Chief of Police and Fort Pierce Marine Unit in recognition of their service and support of the Annual Fort Pierce Inlet Cleanup Dive.

8. ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS TO AGENDA AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion was made by Commissioner Curtis Johnson, Jr., seconded by Commissioner Arnold Gaines to approve the Agenda as set.

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

11. CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Approval of African-American Cultural and Historical Grant Award Agreement between the Florida Department of State and the City of Fort Pierce for the renovation of the Jackie L. Caynon Building for the Fort Pierce Highwaymen Museum in the amount of \$483,662.00.
- b. Approval of award of Bid No. 2022-018 for the Georgia Avenue Drainage Basin Water Quality Improvements to the sole bidder, Boromei Construction, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$1,688,940.00.

Commissioner Gaines pulled item 11a

Motion was made by Commissioner Arnold Gaines, seconded by Commissioner Curtis Johnson, Jr. to approve item 11b on the Consent Agenda.

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

Passed

As to item 11a

Commissioner Gaines commented that he wanted the public to be aware that the Commission will approve the grant.

Motion was made by Commissioner Arnold Gaines, seconded by Commissioner Curtis Johnson, Jr. to approve item 11a of the Consent Agenda.

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 22-018: An Ordinance by the City Commission of the City of Fort Pierce, Florida; Rezoning the property generally located at or near 511 South Ocean Drive, from Hutchinson Island Medium Density Residential Zone (R4-A) to Planned Development (PD); providing for a severability clause; providing for repeal of ordinances or parts thereof in conflict herewith; and providing for an effective date. Subject Property: Parcel ID: 2401-502-0026-000-6. SECOND READING

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

ORDINANCE NO. 22-018

AN ORDINANCE BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF FORT PIERCE, FLORIDA; REZONING THE PROPERTY GENERALLY LOCATED AT OR NEAR 511 SOUTH OCEAN DRIVE, FROM HUTCHINSON ISLAND MEDIUM DENSITY RESIDENTIAL ZONE (R4-A) TO PLANNED DEVELOPMENT (PD); PROVIDING FOR A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL OF ORDINANCES OR PARTS THEREOF IN CONFLICT HEREWITH; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Mayor Hudson opened the public hearing.

Dennis Murphy, Principal Planner, Culpepper & Terpening Inc., representing Coral Sands, was available for questions.

Seeing no one, she closed the public hearing.

Motion was made by Commissioner Thomas Perona, seconded by Commissioner Arnold Gaines to approve Ordinance No 22-018.

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

Passed

13. CITY COMMISSION

- a. Resolution 22-R27 establishing polling places for the August 23, 2022 primary election.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 22-R27

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 PRIMARY ELECTION TO BE HELD ON AUGUST 23, 2022; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Motion was made by Commissioner Curtis Johnson, Jr., seconded by Commissioner Arnold Gaines to approve Resolution No 22-R27.

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

Passed

- b. Submittal of applications to serve as an at-large member of the Planning Board.

City Clerk Linda Cox explained that no vote will be required tonight but will come back before the Commission in the next meeting in the form of a Resolution.

- c. Submittal of applications to serve on the Police Officers Retirement Fund.

City Clerk Linda Cox explained that one application was received from Mr. Carlos Villanueva seeking reappointment, which will come back before the Commission in the next meeting for a vote unless they would like to seek additional applications.

Commissioner Jeremiah Johnson inquired on Planning Board attendance. Mrs. Cox explained that Mrs. Baker, who is seeking reappointment has never missed a meeting.

14. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

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Denise Sirmons
Alfreda Wilder-Agnew

15. COMMENTS FROM THE CITY MANAGER

Acting City Manager Jack Andrews - No comments
City Clerk Linda Cox - No comments
City Attorney Tanya Earley – No comments

- a. Reports

16. COMMENTS FROM THE COMMISSION

Commissioner Gaines expressed that he understands and hears the community's frustration with the increases from the FPUA, addressed Ms. Agnew's bus concerns and appreciates the work done by Mrs. Sirmons on the Juneteenth celebration.

Commissioner Curtis Johnson, Jr. addressed Ms. Agnew's concern with the bus bench, inquired if a portion of the remaining funds from the American Rescue plan may be allocated to support the community by partnering with local agencies, and commented that St. Lucie County School resumes next week.

Commissioner Perona commented that we must reach out to the Federal Government for assistance and determine what can be done as a community to reduce rates.

Commissioner Jeremiah Johnson commented that the Commission hears and is having the tough conversations and addressed his support of the new start time.

Mayor Hudson commented that the current rates are beyond the control of the FPUA, but this is a national concern and that they will attempt to work with the customers to assist them.

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 8:15 p.m.

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK

MAYOR COMMISSIONER