

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 5:05 P.M. ON MONDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2022.

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Hudson called the October 03, 2022, Regular Meeting of the City Commission to order at 5:05 P.M.

**2. OPENING PRAYER - Tim Barton with First United Methodist**

**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**

The approval of the September 19, 2022 minutes will take place during the October 17, 2022 Regular Meeting.

**6. PROCLAMATIONS**

- a. Domestic Violence Awareness Month

**7. LETTERS TO COMMISSION**

- a. Transcription of a voice message from Shawn Holt commending Jacolby Washington, Solid Waste Division Manager, for doing an awesome job.
- b. Letter from Bishop William and Shirley Adderly and Rev. Dr. Kenneth Mill Sr. thanking the City of Fort Pierce for honoring Cee Cee Ross Lyles and all 9/11 heroes and acknowledging IT Director DeVoshay Johnson and Communication Specialist Joe Sweat's contributions to the program's success.
- c. Complimentary email from Allie Comer in appreciation of the excellent customer service provided by the City Clerk and her staff in the Clerk's Office.

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

City Manager Nick Mimms requested the addition of item 10 a, miscellaneous reports, the community response update on animal care services.

Item 13 a was pulled.

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.

Susan Parry

10. **MISCELLANEOUS REPORTS**

- a. **ADDED ON ITEM: Community Response Director update on Animal Shelter Services**

Peggy Arraiz, Director of Community Response, presented an update on animal shelter services; addressed concerns regarding the high number of animals housed at the shelter; expressed that there is no consideration of mass euthanasia; explained the City's plans to work with individuals with knowledge of current welfare trends to promote adoptions; announced that staff recommended renaming the facility, and upcoming changes.

Commissioner Perona expressed the difficulty in transitioning the facility to the City's care; the dedication of City staff; inquired on the name change; the status required to accept contributions, and the program's long-term goals. Ms. Arraiz commented on the name change and the benefits of it; explained that they can currently accept donations; are working on creating a new 501c3 and the recommendation is to have the City as the primary facilitator for support and stability.

Commissioner Curtis Johnson inquired if the logo presented is official; if the current assets are adequate to sustain the animals; how long the existing supplies may last, and the goal to obtain 501c3 status. Mr. Mimms commented that the logo presented is a concept. Ms. Arraiz commented that food would be required but that they are working to obtain a partnership with a manufacturer to meet those needs with a supply of thirty days and reiterated the goal to obtain 501c3 status.

Commissioner Jeremiah Johnson thanked the staff for their hard work; inquired on the partnership with the Sunrise Humane Society and commented on the use of the word care in the presented logo. Ms. Arraiz commented that she has been advised that they are relocating their operation and that the long-term goal is to revisit animal care.

Mayor Hudson inquired on the budget implications. Mr. Mimms commented that Ms. Arraiz is working on a spending plan.

Commissioner Curtis Johnson inquired if and when additional animal services, including spay and neutering will resume and how is these services are currently addressed. Ms. Arraiz explained the services are currently tasked including emergency care.

Mayor Hudson presented to record that the animals were well cared for under the Sunrise Humane Society and continue to be.

Commissioner Gaines commented on the possible opportunity to work with the St. Lucie County School District as they offer a veterinary program.

Commissioner Perona inquired on the official transition date. Ms. Arraiz commented that October 04, 2022 is opening day and that communication has started with Fort Pierce Westwood Academy.

## 11. CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Approve the Amended 2019 DEO Grant Funding Agreement extending the expenditure period to June 30, 2023.
- b. Approval of the lease agreement between the Housing Authority of Fort Pierce and the City of Fort Pierce, for the premise is located at 2304 Avenue I (R.I.C.H. House).
- c. Approval of travel for Mayor Linda Hudson to attend the Florida League of Cities 2022 Legislative Conference in Kissimmee, Florida from November 30, 2022 to December 02, 2022 in the amount of \$821.15.
- d. Approval to piggyback the Sourcewell Contract No. 101221-SCA for the purchase of a New 900-ECO 12 -YD Truck Mounted Combination Sewer Cleaner, in the amount of \$475,000, from Jet-Vac Equipment Company, LLC, Apopka, FL.
- e. Approve the emergency purchase of the Theatrical Dimming System for the Sunrise Theatre, from Rebekah's Dream, West Palm Beach, FL, in the amount of \$66,111.00.
- f. Approval of a First Amendment to the Service Agreement with the Sunrise Humane Society, amending the termination clause for an effective date of October 4, 2022.
- g. Approval of a First Amendment to the Lease Agreement with the Sunrise Humane Society, amending the termination clause for an effective date of October 4, 2022.
- h. Approval of Letter of engagement with GrayRobinson, P.A. for State Lobbyist Services in the amount of \$ 54,000.00.

Motion was made by Commissioner Arnold Gaines, seconded by Commissioner Curtis Johnson, Jr. to approve 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 22-024 - Review and approval of a Future Land Use Map Amendment by the City of Fort Pierce to change the future land use from Residential Medium Density, RM, to General Commercial, GC, at 2900 S Jenkins Road Fort Pierce, FL 34981. Parcel ID: [2419-333-0001-000-2](#). SECOND READING

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

ORDINANCE NO. 22-024

AN ORDINANCE BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF FORT PIERCE, FLORIDA; AMENDING THE FUTURE LAND USE MAP OF THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN TO CHANGE THE DESIGNATION OF PROPERTY GENERALLY LOCATED AT OR NEAR 2900 S JENKINS RD, FROM MEDIUM DENSITY RESIDENTIAL, RM, TO GENERAL COMMERCIAL, GC; PROVIDING FOR A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL OF ORDINANCES OR PARTS THEREOF IN CONFLICT; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (SECOND READING)

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 Thomas Perona to approve Ordinance No. 22-024.

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

Passed

- b. Legislative Hearing - Ordinance 22-025 - Review and approval of an application of a Zoning Atlas Map Amendment submitted by the City of Fort Pierce to change the zoning from Single Family Intermediate Density, R-2, to General Commercial, C-3, at 2900 S Jenkins Road Fort Pierce, FL 34981. Parcel ID: [2419-333-0001-000-2](#)  
SECOND READING

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

ORDINANCE NO. 22-025

AN ORDINANCE BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF FORT PIERCE, FLORIDA; REZONING THE PROPERTY GENERALLY LOCATED AT OR NEAR 2900 S JENKINS RD, FROM SINGLE FAMILY INTERMEDIATE DENSITY (R-2) TO GENERAL COMMERCIAL (C-3); PROVIDING FOR A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL OF ORDINANCES OR PARTS THEREOF IN CONFLICT; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (SECOND 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 Arnold Gaines to approve Ordinance No. 22-025.

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

Passed

- c. Legislative Hearing - Ordinance 22-030 - Review and approval of an application for a voluntary annexation by property owners Canadian Corporation and applicant Jeremy Mears of the parcel at or near 3000 Virginia Avenue. Parcel ID: 2419-111-0002-000-7. FIRST READING

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

**ORDINANCE NO. 22-030**

AN ORDINANCE EXTENDING THE TERRITORIAL LIMITS OF THE CITY OF FORT PIERCE, FLORIDA, TO INCLUDE ONE (1) PARCEL AT OR NEAR 3000 VIRGINIA AVENUE 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. (FIRST READING)

Ryan Altizer, Planner, presented the review and approval of an application for a voluntary annexation by property owners Canadian Corporation and applicant Jeremy Mears of the parcel at or near 3000 Virginia Avenue. Staff recommends approval of the proposed annexation along with the Future Land Use designation of GC and the Zoning designation of C-3.

Questions of Staff:

None

Applicant Presentation:

Lee Dobbins, Dean, Mead, Minton & Moore and Jeremy Mears, The Brownstone Group, explained the context of the annexation as they will also require a future land use and zoning change to accommodate affordable and workplace housing.

Questions of the Applicants:

None

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. 22-030.

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

Passed

- d. Legislative Hearing - Ordinance No. 22-031 - Annexing three (3) parcels at or near the northeast corner of South Kings Highway and White Road. FIRST READING

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

**ORDINANCE NO. 22-031**

AN ORDINANCE EXTENDING THE TERRITORIAL LIMITS OF THE CITY OF FORT PIERCE, FLORIDA, TO INCLUDE THREE (3) PARCELS AT OR NEAR THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF SOUTH KINGS HIGHWAY AND WHITE 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. (FIRST READING)

Vennis Gilmore, Senior Planner, presented the annexation of three (3) parcels at or near the northeast corner of South Kings Highway and White Road. Staff recommends approval of the proposed annexation along with the Future Land Use designation of GC and the Zoning designation of CP-1.

Questions of Staff:

Commissioner Jeremiah Jonson inquired on the CP-1 designation from County to City. Mr. Gilmore explained it abuts commercial parkway to the south.

Commissioner Perona inquired if this property is contiguous with the surrounding properties. Mr. Gilmore explained that properties to the south and east are requesting rezoning.

Mr. Mimms inquired if the County is taking a proactive approach to approve the existing roads. Kevin Freeman, Planning Director, commented that the County is aware of the activity and will receive impact fees; and has contacted an independent consultant to determine the impact to the roadway systems.

Mayor Hudson commented that an overview is needed for the western corridor and recommend this be discussed at a conference agenda meeting. Mr. Mimms explained that there is a plan in place for the major roads but commented that there needs to be a City, County operation to understand the impact on the roads.

Commissioner Curtis Johnson agreed with Mayor Hudson that this topic be discussed in greater length during a conference agenda.

Commissioner Jeremiah Johnson commented that in addition to roadways, stormwater and zoning should be addressed.

Mayor Hudson opened the public hearing

Jeff Irvani, J.H.I. Inc, for the applicant, addressed Commission concerns regarding roadways and drainage.

Questions of the Applicant:

None

Mayor Hudson closed the public hearing.

Motion was made by Commissioner Curtis Johnson, Jr., seconded by Commissioner Arnold Gaines to approve Ordinance No. 22-031.

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

Passed

- e. Legislative Hearing - Ordinance No. 22-026 amending the Future Land Use Map of the Comprehensive Plan to change the designation of one (1) parcel generally located at or near the south side of Graham Road and approximately 600 feet east of South Kings Highway from RL, Low Density Residential to GC, General Commercial. FIRST READING

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

ORDINANCE NO. 22-026

AN ORDINANCE BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF FORT PIERCE, FLORIDA; AMENDING THE FUTURE LAND USE MAP OF THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN TO CHANGE THE DESIGNATION OF ONE (1) PARCEL GENERALLY LOCATED AT OR NEAR THE SOUTH SIDE OF GRAHAM ROAD AND APPROXIMATELY 600 FEET EAST OF SOUTH KINGS HIGHWAY, FROM CITY OF FORT PIERCE (RL) LOW DENSITY RESIDENTIAL TO CITY OF FORT PIERCE (GC) GENERAL COMMERCIAL; PROVIDING FOR A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL OF ORDINANCES OR PARTS THEREOF IN CONFLICT HEREWITH; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.(FIRST READING)

Vennis Gilmore, Senior Planner, presented amending the Future Land Use Map of the Comprehensive Plan to change the designation of one (1) parcel generally located at or near the south side of Graham Road and approximately 600 feet east of South Kings Highway from RL, Low Density Residential to GC, General Commercial. Staff recommends approval to the City Commission.

Mayor Hudson opened the public hearing.

Jeff Irvani, J.H.I. Inc., for the applicant, was available for questions.

Mayor Hudson closed the public hearing.

Motion was made by Commissioner Jeremiah Johnson, seconded by Commissioner Curtis Johnson, Jr. to approve Ordinance No. 22-026.

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

Passed

- f. Quasi-Judicial Hearing - Ordinance No. 22-029 - an ordinance rezoning the property generally located at or near the south side of Graham Road and approximately 600 feet east of South Kings Highway, from (R-1) Low Density Residential Zone to (CP-1) Commercial Parkway Zone. FIRST READING

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

ORDINANCE NO. 22-029

AN ORDINANCE BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF FORT PIERCE, FLORIDA; REZONING THE PROPERTY GENERALLY LOCATED AT OR NEAR THE SOUTH SIDE OF GRAHAM ROAD AND APPROXIMATELY 600 FEET EAST OF SOUTH KINGS HIGHWAY, FROM (R-1) LOW DENSITY RESIDENTIAL ZONE TO (CP-1) COMMERCIAL PARKWAY ZONE; PROVIDING FOR A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL OF ORDINANCES OR PARTS THEREOF IN CONFLICT HEREWITH; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (FIRST READING)

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 - No  
Commissioner Curtis Johnson Jr.- No  
Commissioner Jeremiah Johnson - Yes  
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 an ordinance rezoning the property generally located at or near the south side of Graham Road and approximately 600 feet east of South Kings Highway, from (R-1) Low Density Residential Zone to (CP-1) Commercial Parkway Zone. Staff recommends approval to the City Commission.

Questions of Staff:

None

Mayor Hudson opened the public hearing.

Questions of the Applicant:

Jeff Irvani, J.H.I. Inc, was available for questions.

Commissioner Jeremiah Johnson inquired on the proposed use of the property and connectivity. Mr. Irvani commented that the proposed use is office warehouse distribution; that the traffic impact study had been completed; there would be two driveways on Graham Road and White Road, and one driveway on Kings Highway.

Mayor Hudson closed the public hearing.

Motion was made by Commissioner Arnold Gaines, seconded by Commissioner Curtis Johnson, Jr. to approve Ordinance No. 22-029.

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

Passed

- g. Quasi-Judicial Hearing - Review and approval of an application for Final Plat, submitted by Property Owner(s) Fort Pierce Redevelopment Agency and Applicant, OMCII LLC, to subdivide approximately 3 acres of land (more or less) for The Oaks at Moore's Creek (Phase II) located at or near 1206 Avenue B (Lot 1) and Lots 1-10 and 16-24, South of Moore's Creek and North of Avenue B in Fort Pierce, FL. The property is currently zoned Medium Density Residential (R-4) Parcel Control Number(s): 2409-518-0001-000-8, 2409-517-0033-000-8, 2409-517-0032-000-1, 2409-517-0031-000-4, 2409-517-0030-000-7, 2409-517-0029-000-7, 2409-517-0028-000-0, 2409-517-0027-000-3, 2409-517-0026-000-6, 2409-517-0025-000-9, 2409-517-0024-000-2, 2409-517-0038-000-3, 2409-517-0041-000-7, 2409-517-0043-000-1, 2409-517-0044-000-8, 2409-517-0045-000-5.

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 - No  
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.

Vennis Gilmore, Senior Planner, presented the Review and approval of an application for Final Plat, submitted by Property Owner(s) Fort Pierce Redevelopment Agency and Applicant, OMCII LLC, to subdivide approximately 3 acres of land (more or less) for The Oaks at Moore's Creek (Phase II) located at or near 1206 Avenue B (Lot 1) and Lots 1-10 and 16-24, South of Moore's Creek and North of Avenue B in Fort Pierce, FL. The property is currently zoned Medium Density Residential (R-4). Staff recommends approval with one (1) condition:

1. The applicant will supply two (2) Mylars for appropriate signatures and then the plat is recorded with St. Lucie County Clerk of Courts in accordance with Florida State Statute 177.111.

Questions of Staff:  
None

Questions of the Applicant:  
None

Corey O'Gorman, Principle, Place Planning & Design Inc. was available for questions.

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

Mr. Mimms commented that the FPUA is the co-applicant and concur with the statements of Mr. O'Gorman.

Motion was made by Commissioner Thomas Perona, seconded by Commissioner Jeremiah Johnson to approve the application for Final Plat with one (1) condition.

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

Passed

### **13. CITY COMMISSION**

- a. PULLED - Postponed from September 19, 2022 and being pulled at the request of staff - Resolution No. 22-R34 Adopting revisions to the City of Fort Pierce Personnel Rules and Regulations.
- b. Resolution 22-R37 - establishing the conditions to be covered under the Clean & Safe Community Initiative and establishing an expiration date.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 22-R37**  
A RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF FORT PIERCE, FLORIDA; ESTABLISHING THE CONDITIONS AND PROGRAMS TO BE ADDRESSED UTILIZING THE CLEAN AND SAFE COMMUNITY INITIATIVE FUND; ESTABLISHING AN EXPIRATION DATE; PROVIDING FOR A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; REPEALING ALL RESOLUTIONS IN CONFLICT HERewith; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Mr. Mimms commented that the Ordinance was recently amended to allow for the

addition of the Clean and Safe Community Initiative establishing eligible expenditures. Peggy Arraiz, Community Response Director, commented that the Resolution now has the expiration dated required by the Ordinance.

Motion was made by Commissioner Jeremiah Johnson, seconded by Commissioner Curtis Johnson, Jr. to approve Resolution No. 22-R37.

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

Passed

- c. Resolution 22-R38 Providing for the publication of polling places for the November 8, 2022 general election.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 22-R38

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 GENERAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON NOVEMBER 8, 2022; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Motion was made by Commissioner Arnold Gaines, seconded by Commissioner Curtis Johnson, Jr. to approve Resolution No. 22-R38.

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

Passed

- d. Resolution 22-R39 appointing members to the Civil Service Appeals Board.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 22-R39

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF FORT PIERCE, FLORIDA, CERTIFYING THE APPOINTMENT OR REAPPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO THE CIVIL SERVICE APPEALS BOARD; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

City Clerk Linda Cox explained that the terms of the two appointees had expired.

Mayor Hudson inquired on the structure of the CSAB Board, as she would like to vote for both appointees. Ms. Cox explained the structure of the CSAB Board and that there are vacancies because all their terms have expired.

Kevin Browning, Human Resources Director, explained the CSAB Board structure and how selection takes place; the additional processes required and clarified the reason for the appointment is to replace Mr. J Gaines from the current pool of appointees.

Commissioner Perona inquired if the members can be appointed outside the City. Mr. Browning confirmed that they can be appointed within St. Lucie County.

Commissioner Gaines requested additional clarification on the appointing process. Mr. Browning clarified the process.

Commissioner Perona inquired if a chairman will be elected when the board

appointments are completed. Mr. Browning commented that one would be.

**Appointee Ballot Results**

Commissioner Gaines - Harry Williams and Edward Cox

Commissioner Curtis Johnson - Harry Williams and Edward Cox

Commissioner Jeremiah Johnson - Edward Cox and Harry Williams

Commissioner Perona - Edward Cox and Harry Williams

Mayor Hudson - Edward Cox and Harry Williams

Edward Cox is the regular appointee and Harry Williams is the alternate appointee.

Motion was made by Commissioner Thomas Perona, seconded by Commissioner Arnold Gaines to approve Resolution 22-R39.

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

Passed

- e. Request from In the Image of Christ, Inc. for three-year funding of Emergency Inclement Weather Shelter services in the amount of \$16,762.50 annually.

Commissioner Curtis Johnson explained the request for funding in the event of inclement weather activating the Percy Peek Gymnasium as a shelter location.

Mayor Hudson inquired if the County will be participating. Commissioner Curtis Johnson commented that they will be contributing fifty percent.

Commissioner Jeremiah Johnson inquired if the funds will only be activated if the need arises. Commissioner Curtis Johnson commented that the funds would only be activated for the emergency of inclement weather.

Motion was made by Commissioner Curtis Johnson, Jr., seconded by Commissioner Arnold Gaines to approve the request from In the Image of Christ, Inc. for three-year funding of Emergency Inclement Weather Shelter services in the amount of \$16,762.50 annually.

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.

No public comments.

**15. COMMENTS FROM THE CITY MANAGER**

- a. Reports

Nick Mimms commented that the City is conducting damage assessments in response to hurricane Ian with restoration and recovery completed soon and commended the staff for their efforts.

City Clerk Linda Cox – No comments

City Attorney Tanya Earley – No comments

**16. COMMENTS FROM THE COMMISSION**

Commissioner Gaines sent prayers to the west coast and thanked Mr. Mimms for his hard work in preparation for hurricane Ian.

Commissioner Perona reminded the City of the upcoming Jaycee Park build October 11th - 16th.

Commissioner Curtis Johnson commended Mr. Mimms and staff on their hard work in response to hurricane Ian; will be reaching out to Fort Myers City Council Member Teresa Watkins Brown and commented on the startling numbers on domestic violence in St. Lucie County.

Commissioner Jeremiah Johnson commended staff on their hard work; how help can be offered to the effected and the upcoming debate at the Sunrise Theatre. Mr. Mimms commented on the debate Wednesday, October 12th with plans to provided additional information as it is received.

Mayor Hudson commented that the FMIT will be assessing its insureds every three years and thanked Mr. Mimms, staff and the FPUA. In addition, on October 7th Hillcrest Memorial Gardens and River Walk Center will honor Poindexter Williams.

**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 7:08 P.M.

ATTEST:

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CITY CLERK

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MAYOR COMMISSIONER