

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, MARCH 20, 2023.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Hudson called the March 20, 2023, Regular Meeting of the City Commission to order at 5:05 P.M.

2. OPENING PRAYER - Pastor Sharon Brown with Full Gospel Tabernacle of Deliverance

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

4. ROLL CALL

Present: Commissioner Michael Broderick; Commissioner Arnold Gaines; Commissioner Curtis Johnson, Jr.; Commissioner Jeremiah Johnson; 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 March 06, 2023 Regular Meeting

Motion was made by Commissioner Arnold Gaines, seconded by Commissioner Jeremiah Johnson to approve the minutes from the March 06, 2023 Regular Meeting.

AYE: Commissioner Michael Broderick, Commissioner Arnold Gaines, Commissioner Curtis Johnson, Jr., Commissioner Jeremiah Johnson, Mayor Linda Hudson

Passed

6. PROCLAMATIONS

- a. Vietnam Veterans Day Proclamation
- b. Fort Pierce Police Departments 100th Anniversary

7. LETTERS TO COMMISSION

- a. Letter from Doretha Hair Truesdell, President of the Original Florida Hall of Fame Highwaymen, Inc., thanking Brittany Marinello, Grants Division Manager, and her team for their efforts in making the Sixth Annual Highwaymen Heritage Trail and Art Show Festival a huge success.
- b. Thank you card from Mrs. Pam McDonald expressing her gratitude for Police Officer Samantha Reid's assistance to her husband while they were downtown.

8. ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS TO AGENDA AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

AYE: Commissioner Michael Broderick, Commissioner Arnold Gaines,
Commissioner Curtis Johnson, Jr., Commissioner Jeremiah Johnson,
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.

Mark Walters
Chad Ingram
Jay Jenkins
Gene Horne
Jarrod Wells
Timothy White
Michael Jenkins
Taylor Shull
James Freitas
Gary Webb

10. MISCELLANEOUS REPORTS

- a. Brightline Train Education and Awareness

Katie Mitzner, Director of Public Affairs, and Brian Houlihan, Safety Manager, provided a presentation on Brightline safety.

The Commission inquired on additional education when the trains come to this area, the opening date, length of trains, the relationship with the FEC, and the technology involved with the project. Mr. Houlihan explained Brightline's plan for safety measures. Ms. Mitzner also provided the plan for bus safety, outreach, the remaining steps required for completion of the project, the types of trains that will be utilized based on demand, the addition of the second track, and provided advice on what to expect with the addition of this service. Mr. Houlihan explained how Brightline works with the FEC.

11. CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Approval of First Addendum to Agreement Between the City of Fort Pierce and St. Lucie County to Exchange Rights of Way and extend the Feasibility Determination Period 120-days.
- b. Approval to piggyback the FPUA contract with Mastec North America, Inc. and a Purchase Order in the amount of \$273,561.36, to install conduits and related fixtures for AT&T and Comcast for the Avenue B Roadway Construction Project.
- c. Approval of Amended Florida Job Growth Infrastructure Grant.
- d. Approval of TAPS Multi Services Small Business Grant Agreement for \$5,000
- e. Approval of Joanne's World of Nutrition, LLC Small Business Grant Agreement for \$5,000.

- f. Approval of Royal Palace Rentals, LLC Small Business Grant Agreement for \$5,000.
- g. Approval of Iris's T Designs Small Business Grant Agreement for \$5,000.
- h. Approval of EMS Safety & Healthcare Training Center Small Business Grant Agreement for \$5,000.
- i. Approval of DEP Resilient Florida Grant in the amount of \$15,000,000.00 for the waste water reclamation facility relocation, natural system enhancements, and restoration of 2.23 acres of seagrass, the offset of water use with 2 MGD of reuse, and upgrades to existing facility components.
- j. Approval of agreement between the City of Fort Pierce and the Original Florida Hall of Fame Highwaymen, Inc. to lease an adjacent parcel and the parking lot at the Jackie Caynon Building, located at 1234 Avenue.

Motion was made by Commissioner Michael Broderick, seconded by Commissioner Curtis Johnson, Jr. to approve the Consent Agenda.

AYE: Commissioner Michael Broderick, Commissioner Arnold Gaines,
Commissioner Curtis Johnson, Jr., Commissioner Jeremiah Johnson,
Mayor Linda Hudson

Passed

12. PUBLIC HEARINGS

- a. Legislative Hearing - Ordinance 23-022 - Review and approval of a Future Land Use Map Amendment by owner Resurrection Life Family Worship Center, Inc., to change the future land use from Medium Density Residential, RM, to High Density Residential, RH, of 4.883 acres of the parcel located at 1910 S. Jenkins Road Fort Pierce, FL 34947. Parcel ID: 2418-322-0001-000-5. FIRST READING

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

ORDINANCE NO. 23-022

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 THE PROPERTY GENERALLY LOCATED AT OR NEAR 1910 S. JENKINS ROAD, FROM MEDIUM DENSITY RESIDENTIAL, RM, TO HIGH DENSITY RESIDENTIAL, RH; PROVIDING FOR A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL OF ORDINANCES OR PARTS THEREOF IN CONFLICT; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Staff Presentation:

Ryan Altizer, Senior Planner, presented the review and approval of a Future Land Use Map Amendment for a parcel located at 1910 S. Jenkins Road.

Recommendation:

Staff recommendation is for the City Commission to approve the proposed Future Land Use Map Amendment.

Mayor Hudson opened the public hearing.

Brad Currie, EDC, for the applicant, explained the use for the project.

The Commission inquired on the specific use, density, and conditional use.

Mayor Hudson closed the public hearing.

Motion was made by Commissioner Arnold Gaines, seconded by Commissioner Jeremiah Johnson to approve Ordinance No. 23-022.

AYE: Commissioner Michael Broderick, Commissioner Arnold Gaines,
Commissioner Curtis Johnson, Jr., Commissioner Jeremiah Johnson,
Mayor Linda Hudson

Passed

13. CITY COMMISSION

- a. Resolution 23-R26 Authorizing the State of Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) District Four Lighting Maintenance Memorandum of Agreement for Orange Avenue (S.R. 68) from North 32nd Street to US 1 (S.R. 5)

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

RESOLUTION NO. 23-R26

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF FORT PIERCE, FLORIDA TO ENTER INTO A LIGHTING MAINTENANCE MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT WITH THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR JOINT RIGHT-OF-WAY MAINTENANCE OF STATE ROAD 68/ORANGE AVENUE FROM NORTH 32ND STREET TO US HIGHWAY 1 AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR, CITY CLERK, AND CITY ATTORNEY TO EXECUTE SAID AGREEMENT ON THE PART OF THE CITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Jack Andrews, City Engineer, presented information on the standard FDOT agreement and details of the project.

The Commission inquired on the City's responsibility in the contract, the location of street resurfacing, color of the asphalt, improved intersections, projected start date, and drainage improvements. Mr. Andrews explained the City's responsibility to maintain the upgrades, the location of resurfacing, color, improved intersections, projected date, and drainage.

Mr. Mimms commented that an agreement with the FPUA is necessary for maintenance purposes.

Motion was made by Commissioner Jeremiah Johnson, seconded by Commissioner Curtis Johnson, Jr. to approve Resolution No. 23-R26.

AYE: Commissioner Michael Broderick, Commissioner Arnold Gaines,
Commissioner Curtis Johnson, Jr., Commissioner Jeremiah Johnson,
Mayor Linda Hudson

Passed

- b. Resolution 23-R27 approving contract agreement between Florida Department of Transportation and the City of Fort Pierce for the construction of a concrete trail, as a segment of the Florida SUN Trail, along the edge of the Indian Hills Golf Course beginning at Indian Hills Drive and ending at Georgia Avenue which has been fully funded through the grant.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 23-R27

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF FORT PIERCE, FLORIDA, STATING THE CITY AND THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (FDOT) ARE DESIROUS OF ENTERING INTO A FLORIDA SHARED-USE NONMOTORIZED TRAIL GRANT AGREEMENT TO PROVIDE FOR THE DEPARTMENT'S PARTICIPATION IN THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE SHARED USE PATH ALONG THE SUN TRAIL NETWORK FROM INDIAN HILLS DRIVE TO GEORGIA AVENUE PER THE HISTORIC HIGHWAYMAN TRAIL GAP FINAL FEASIBILITY STUDY/DESIGN

AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR, CITY CLERK, AND CITY ATTORNEY TO EXECUTE SAID AGREEMENT ON THE PART OF THE CITY; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Jack Andrews, City Engineer, provided an update on the construction phase of the project.

Motion was made by Commissioner Michael Broderick, seconded by Commissioner Arnold Gaines to approve Resolution No. 23-R27.

AYE: Commissioner Michael Broderick, Commissioner Arnold Gaines,
Commissioner Curtis Johnson, Jr., Commissioner Jeremiah Johnson,
Mayor Linda Hudson

Passed

c. Discussion and direction for Fisherman's Wharf Development.

Mr. Mimms provided an update from the Department of Environmental Protection on the cost to release the reverter for Fisherman's Wharf.

The Commission discussed the state's position, taxpayer consideration, cost, developer/partner participation, and the commitment process.

City Attorney Tanya Earley explained the undertaken to request release of the reverter.

Motion was made by Commissioner Curtis Johnson, Jr., seconded by Commissioner Jeremiah Johnson to direct staff to continue conversations with the developer/partner regarding the commitment to pay or offset the cost of the reverter.

AYE: Commissioner Michael Broderick, Commissioner Arnold Gaines,
Commissioner Curtis Johnson, Jr., Commissioner Jeremiah Johnson,
Mayor Linda Hudson

Passed

14. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

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No comments

15. COMMENTS FROM THE CITY MANAGER

City Manager Nick Mimms announced the Joint Meeting with St. Lucie County including the agenda items to be discussed, and the Youth Council is hosting Empower Youth Conference at the Percy Peek Gymnasium and the Blackburn Education Building March 25th from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

City Clerk Linda Cox-No comments

City Attorney Tanya Earley - No comments

16. COMMENTS FROM THE COMMISSION

Commissioner Arnold Gaines commented on the youth conference, the ability of the Commission to have civil discussion, thanked Commissioner Curtis Johnson for standing in for him in his absence at Northside opening day and encouraged "One Fort Pierce".

Commissioner Curtis Johnson thanked Commissioner Gaines for the acknowledgment and commented on the inclusion of the community, the arrest in the fatal shooting on MLK day.

Commissioner Broderick commented on the Commissions' ability to have open discussion.

Commissioner Jeremiah Johnson commented that he is looking forward to taking on more opportunities and thanked staff for their hard work.

Mayor Hudson commented the event for the Police Department held at the Fort Pierce Yacht Club on March 25th, the Tram, and a report on Tallahassee.

Mr. Mimms commented on the tram and usage Monday and Tuesday to lessen parking needs during juror calls and the success of Freebee. Commissioner Jeremiah Johnson commented on the trolley and it being discontinued.

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 7:58 P.M.

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK

MAYOR COMMISSIONER