

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 9:00 A.M. ON MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 09, 2024.

1. **Call to Order**

Mayor Hudson called the September 9, 2024, Conference Agenda Meeting to order at 9:00 A.M.

2. **Pledge of Allegiance**

3. **Roll Call**

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

Staff Present: Records Management Coordinator Tina Rel
Acting City Manager Linda Cox
City Attorney Sara Hedges

4. **Approval of Minutes**

- a. Approval of Minutes from August 12, 2024 City Commission Meeting.

Motion was made by Commissioner Jeremiah Johnson, seconded by Commissioner Arnold Gaines to approve the minutes of the August 12, 2024 City Commission Meeting.

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

Passed

5. **Proclamations**

6. **Additions or deletions to agenda and approval of the agenda.**

Motion was made by Commissioner Arnold Gaines, seconded by Commissioner Michael Broderick to approve the agenda.

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

Passed

7. **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 comments.

8. Miscellaneous Reports and Presentations

- a. SUN Trail Port Connector Feasibility Study results presentation.

Presentation by Peter Buckwald, Director of the St. Lucie County TPO, and Selena Griffett Project Engineer. Stuart Robertson with Kimley Horn and Joshua Revord, Director of the Port of Fort Pierce gave the portion of the presentation on the Port of Fort Pierce Connector Study. The Commissioners agreed they do not want to close Avenue H as it is an important road on and off the island. They all approve of the joining of Avenue O to the Port area.

Motion was made by Commissioner Jeremiah Johnson, seconded by Commissioner Michael Broderick for a letter of endorsement on the preferred alternatives and directing staff to work with FDOT and the TPO.

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

Passed

- b. Notification of administrative approval of a Site Plan (Development and Design Review) submitted under the 'Live Local' affordable housing Act; the development proposes a two-hundred and ten (210) unit affordable multifamily rental community at 4000 S. US Highway 1, Sound Meadows Apartments.

Update by Kerry Driver Planner, and Kevin Freeman, Planning Director. There is no action on this item from the Commission. These plans have been reviewed by all the departments and a regular application would have to go through. All City Codes must be met for the "Live Local" applications if they do not the applications turn into a major site plan and no longer will be under the "Live Local" act.

9. Consent Agenda

10. City Commission - Resolutions

11. New Business - City Commission Discussion Items

- a. Discussion and direction regarding the final contract for Pay to Park Pilot Program with PCI Municipal Services.

Peggy Arraiz, Community Response Director, started the discussion on the final contract for the Pay to Park Pilot Program with PCI Municipal Services. Sara Hedges, City Attorney, let the Commission know they would legally be able to charge the St. Lucie County residents to park at the beaches. Jack Skelton, owner of PCI Municipal Services, discussed his knowledge of working with other cities and counties throughout Florida. The Commission discussed the 24-hour attendance. Mr. Skelton mentioned the ambassadors would be working on parking enforcement and maintenance of PCI equipment. They discussed how the program will help offset the fees it takes to maintain these parks. The commission recommended a 24-hour staff ambassador to start out with, as well as the revenue-sharing option. The third item on the parking passes will be further investigated by staff and PCI and the information will be brought back to the Commission.

12. City Commission Boards and Committees Updates

Commissioner Broderick mentioned the Parking Committee is meeting this Wednesday and will be discussing the parking garage counter system. The Sunrise Theater RPF is being revamped. The retirement board meeting is coming up and there is nothing new to report. He is working with Congressman Brian Mast and his staff on the Federal Funding. The commission asked to see the report before it is submitted.

Commissioner Curtis Johnson mentioned Lincoln Park Main Street and Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council meetings are coming up. The Fire Board has approved the millage rate, and they are introducing a new fire engine today. The TPO has a lot going on currently.

Commissioner Jeremiah Johnson mentioned the DOT resurfacing project on US 1 that the TPO has been working on for a while is a work in progress and almost complete. Main Street has a meeting coming up and the Coffee with the Mayor event is starting back up. The DBA has the Downtown Halloween event coming up, as well as the Ghost Walk.

Commissioner Gaines mentioned most of his committees will be meeting later this month. The Treasure Coast Council of Local Government met and discussed the new senate bill regarding changing of school times and the issues it presents to the community, traffic, and crossing guards. He was not able to make it to the Roundtable meeting.

Mayor Hudson mentioned the Treasure Coast Regional League of Cities meets next week. The policy committees will begin to meet next week for the Florida League of Cities. The Fort Pierce Utilities Authority had their career fair that was very well attended.

13. **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 12:20 P.M.

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK

MAYOR COMMISSIONER