

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 A.M. ON MONDAY, DECEMBER 09, 2024.

1. **Call to Order**

Mayor Hudson called the December 09, 2024, Morning 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.; Mayor Linda Hudson; Commissioner James Taylor

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

4. **Approval of Minutes**

- a. Approval of the Minutes from the October 14, 2024 City Commission Meeting

Motion was made by Commissioner Michael Broderick, seconded by Commissioner Curtis Johnson, Jr. to approve the minutes of the October 14, 2024 Morning Meeting.

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

Passed

5. **Proclamations**

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

Commissioner Johnson requested the addition of a discussion on the City Manager position.

Motion was made by Commissioner Curtis Johnson, Jr., seconded by Commissioner Michael Broderick to approve the agenda with the addition of City Manager discussion.

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

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.

None

8. **Miscellaneous Reports and Presentations**

9. **Consent Agenda**

10. **City Commission - Resolutions**

11. **New Business - City Commission Discussion Items**

- a. Review and discussion regarding Mayor and City Commission assignments to various Boards and Committees

Mayor Hudson commented that she is satisfied with the current Board designations.

The Commission inquired about the Sunrise Theater RFP and the direction of the Board.

Acting City Manager, Linda Cox, commented on the RFP and the direction the Commission would like to take.

Commissioner Broderick posed an interest in the TPO.

Commissioner Taylor posed an interest in the Board but is open to being the alternate.

Commissioner Johnson commented that he is satisfied with the current Board designations.

Commissioner Gaines requested assistance with the Round Table Board and inquired about other Commissioners' interest in the Homelessness and Affordable Housing Committees.

Commissioner Taylor expressed willingness to sit on the Round Table and Treasure Coast Regional Planning Board and asked that Commissioner Gaines take the Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors.

Commissioner Johnson expressed his willingness to switch to the Treasure Coast Regional Board and to take the Downtown Business Board.

City Attorney Sara Hedges clarified that the Affordable Housing Board is permanent but could be combined with the County.

- b. Update on Retirement Board Cost of Living Adjustments

Finance Director Johnna Morris provided an update on the retirement cost-of-living adjustment based on current statutes and law. The Emerald advisors reduced fees by fifty percent and eliminated the contract with Morgan Stanley.

The Commission discussed the cost-of-living retirement increase request and commented that the fund is secure.

- c. Follow-up discussion and direction regarding the final contract for Pay to Park Pilot Program with PCI Municipal Services

Peggy Arraiz, Community Response Director, presented the follow-up discussion and direction regarding the final contract for the Pay to Park Pilot Program with PCI Municipal Services and St. Lucie County concerns.

City Attorney, Sara Hedges, presented the County's concerns due to a funding clause.

The Commission discussed the program, the county's concerns, potential revenue, logistics of determining residents, and enforcement.

d. City Manager Discussion

City Attorney Hedges provided an executive summary and recommendations for the applicant interview process.

Human Resources Director, Jared Sorenson detailed the executive summary.

The Commission inquired on the search process and the executive summary.

Mr. Sorensen commented on the hiring process and the applicant criteria.

**12. City Commission Boards and Committees Updates**

Commissioner Gaines commented that the Retirement Board meeting had been canceled for December, the Treasure Coast Council of Local Government meets in January, the Council on Aging did not meet, The Roundtable of St. Lucie County was attended by Audria Moore, the Homeless Advisory Board meets on December 18th and TSERTA may be dissolved.

Commissioner Broderick commented on the parking committee meeting regarding code.

Commissioner Johnson commented that the committee on Lincoln Park Mainstreet will meet this week, Christmas on Moore's Street is December 14th, the Fire Board had elections, and TPO met and provided updates on their plans.

Commissioner Taylor commented on the Fort Pierce Main Street parade and the upcoming New Year's fireworks display.

Mayor Hudson commented that Florida Municipal Insurance will meet in Tampa this Friday, Fort Pierce Utilities Authority had a resignation. It will have a new attorney, Treasure Coast Regional League of Cities, and a policy update to follow, and the Fire District is building three new fire stations.

Ms. Cox commented that the FPUA appointment will be presented during the January 6, 2025 meeting.

**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.

ATTEST:

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CITY CLERK

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MAYOR COMMISSIONER