

# CITY OF FORT PIERCE

## CITY COMMISSION AGENDA

Regular Meeting - Monday, \_\_\_\_\_, 2025 - 5:05 p.m.

City Hall - City Commission Chambers, 100 North U.S. #1, Fort Pierce, FL

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

*Mayor Hudson calls the meeting to order at the appropriate time.*

2. **OPENING PRAYER**

*Mayor Hudson announces who will offering the opening prayer and that it will be followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.*

3. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

*The pledge is recited by all.*

4. **ROLL CALL**

*Mayor Hudson asks the City Clerk to Call the Roll.*

5. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

*From this point forward, the City Clerk announces all agenda items. A vote is taken on this item.*

6. **PROCLAMATIONS**

*The City Clerk reads all proclamations while the Mayor joins the recipient at the podium for a photo. This area of the agenda is also utilized for special recognitions that may not be proclamations such as keys to the city, check presentations, or special employee awards.*

7. **LETTERS TO COMMISSION**

*The City Clerk announces letters received by the City Manager or Mayor and City Commission typically recognizing city employees for exceptional work or special accomplishments. Letters are placed on the agenda by the City Manager's office; sometimes by the City Clerk.*

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

*City Commissioners or staff may request that items be added or removed from the agenda during this section; or for very special circumstances, request that agenda items be rearranged. The Mayor will then ask that the agenda be approved or approved as modified and a vote is taken.*

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.

*The City Clerk's office staff is available in the lobby to sign up speakers 30 minutes prior to the meeting start time. The public speaker is required to indicate the specific agenda item they wish to speak on in order to be called by the Mayor. Speakers are not required to sign up for Public Hearing items as they will be called to speak when that specific item is called. Speakers are limited to a total 3 minutes each and the Mayor and Commissioners do not answer questions nor engage in a dialogue during public comment.*

*In the event an agenda item has been added under Section 8, the Mayor will ask if any member of the public wishes to speak on that added agenda item.*

## 10. MISCELLANEOUS REPORTS

*This section of the agenda is utilized for community or staff reports where no actions or votes are necessary.*

## 11. CONSENT AGENDA

*Consent agenda items include approvals of contracts, expenditures, grants, RFP awards, authorization to negotiate, commission travel, interlocal agreements, etc. Basically, all items that are not public hearings, resolutions or committee recommendations. The Mayor and City Commission vote to approve the Consent Agenda items as a group.*

*Any consent agenda item may be pulled by the Mayor or Commission for discussion. If that occurs, the City Clerk will read that specific item for discussion and a separate vote is taken after the Mayor and Commission take a vote on the remaining Consent Agenda items.*

## 12. PUBLIC HEARINGS

*Quasi-Judicial Hearings follow a strict set of rules and procedures which can be found on the City's website using this link: <https://www.cityoffortpierce.com/DocumentCenter/View/6740/Quasi-Judicial-Procedures>. All Quasi-Judicial decisions by the City Commission must be based on competency substantial evidence. Competent substantial evidence is evidence which will establish a substantial basis from which the fact at issue can reasonably be inferred. It includes fact or opinion evidence offered by an expert on a matter that requires specialized knowledge and that is relevant to the issues to be decided. It is evidence a reasonable mind could accept as having probative weight and adequate to support a legal conclusion. Hypothetical, speculative, fear or emotion based generalized statements that do not address the relevant issues and that cannot be reasonably said to support the action advocated, are not competent substantial evidence.*

*Both legislative and quasi-judicial hearings are conducted by the Mayor and City Commission on ordinances, planning/land use matters and miscellaneous required public hearings.*

*Legislative hearings consist of a staff presentation followed by Commission questions of staff. The public is given an opportunity to speak for 3 minutes each, including the applicant, if a planning project hearing. As in general public comment, the Mayor and Commissioners do not answer specific questions nor engage in a dialogue. Staff and/or the applicant will be asked to weigh in on issues raised by public comment where appropriate.*

*Quasi-judicial hearings are formal hearings with strict rules of procedure consisting of a staff presentation (20 minutes), applicant presentation (20 minutes), intervenor presentation (20 minutes when properly filed) and public comment (3 minutes each). These proceedings must follow basic standards of notice and due process, and **decisions must be made based on competent substantial evidence**. The rules and a proposed script are available on the city's website for guidance.*

**13. CITY COMMISSION**

*This section of the agenda is primarily used for Resolutions. Resolutions are utilized to adopt city policies, make committee appointments, establish city fees, approve property transactions, etc. The City Clerks reads resolutions, by title only, into the record for approval. Depending on the item, city staff sometimes makes a presentation if needed.*

*This section of the agenda should also be used for City Committee recommendations should a presentation by the committee be desired and action is requested by the Mayor and City Commission.*

**14. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**

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**15. COMMENTS FROM THE CITY MANAGER**

*The Mayor asks the City Manager for comments. She then asks the City Clerk and the City Attorney for comments.*

**16. COMMENTS FROM THE COMMISSION**

*The Mayor asks each Commissioner if they have comments.*

**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.

*The Mayor announces that the meeting is being adjourned and asks that individuals leave the chambers and the lights be turned out.*

Pursuant to Sec. 2-49, Fort Pierce Code of Ordinances, persons desiring to place an item on the agenda may make written request to the city manager no later than 5:00 p.m. fifteen (15) days preceding the regular city commission meeting. Such request must state the subject matter of the individual's appearance and should include any background materials pertinent to the issue. The city manager shall review the request to determine if the item might be handled administratively or whether the subject matter is an item of city business. If appropriate, the city manager shall submit the item for placement on the agenda to the city clerk no later than 5:00 p.m. ten (10) days preceding the regular city commission meeting. The mayor may impose a time limitation of five (5) minutes, or allow such additional time he or she determines necessary and appropriate for such person to make presentation. All reports, communications, ordinances, resolutions, contracts, documents or other materials to be submitted to the commission shall, no later than 12:00 noon on Wednesday prior to each meeting, be delivered to the city clerk and furnish each member thereof with a copy of the same prior to the regular meeting.

Pursuant to Section 286.0105, Florida Statutes, the City hereby advises you that if you or another person decide to appeal any decision made by the City Commission with respect to any matter considered at its meeting or hearing, that you or said person will need a record of the proceedings, and that for such purpose, affected persons may need to insure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based. This notice does not constitute consent by the City for the introduction or admission into evidence of otherwise inadmissible or irrelevant evidence, nor does it authorize challenges or appeals not otherwise allowed by law.

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act and Section 286.26, Florida Statutes, persons with disabilities needing special accommodation to participate in this meeting should contact the City Clerk's Office at (772) 467-3065 at least 48 hours prior to the meeting.