

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, MARCH 10, 2025.

1. **Call to Order**

Mayor Hudson called the March 10, 2025, 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: City Clerk Linda Cox
Interim City Manager Devoshay Johnson
Assistant City Attorney Felicia Holloman

4. **Approval of Minutes**

5. **Proclamations**

- a. Recognition of Fort Pierce Police Department's James Pulliam as the Officer of the Year for the St. Lucie County Hundred Club's First Responder of the Year Awards

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 as set.

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.

No comments

8. **Miscellaneous Reports and Presentations**

- a. St. Lucie County Schools Update by Dr. Prince.

Interim City Manager, Devoshay Johnson, introduced Dr. Jon Prince, St. Lucie County Superintendent of Schools.

Dr. Prince presented an update on St. Lucie County Schools.

b. Tyler Munis Update

Mr. Devoshay Johnson introduced Leticia Cruz, ERP Business Systems Analyst, and Kristie Kirstein, ERP Analyst, to provide an update on Tyler Munis. Ms. Cruz and Ms. Kirstein provided an update of Tyler Munis including goals, project timeline, and roles and responsibilities.

The Commission commented on the adaption of the system, sign up, and suggested a workshop for new users.

Mr. Johnson commented on the adaptation of the system, working out issues as they came up, and the workflow.

Paul Thomas, Building Director, commented on the building department being tasked with permitting by the Commission, the routing process, the public request for an online processing system, and the success of Tyler's implementation.

The Commission commented on staff's assistance to the public, providing feedback, efficiency for outside agencies, and opportunities for policy change.

Mr. Thomas commented on the complaint process and accreditation which requires standards for maintenance, policy changes, and data and insight launch.

Mr. Johnson commented on the seamless integration with Tyler and the data and insight launch.

9. **Consent Agenda**

10. **City Commission - Resolutions**

- a. Resolution 25-R19 Appointing Daniel Flaherty to the Police Officers Retirement Fund Board of Trustees.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 25-R19
A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF FORT PIERCE, FLORIDA, CERTIFYING THE APPOINTMENT OR REAPPOINTMENT OF A MEMBER TO THE POLICE OFFICERS RETIREMENT FUND BOARD OF TRUSTEES; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Motion was made by Commissioner Arnold Gaines, seconded by Commissioner Michael Broderick to approve Resolution No. 25-R19 appointing Daniel Flaherty.

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

Passed

- b. Resolution 25-R20 Appointing Shatell Hypolite to the Fort Pierce Parking Committee as Commissioner Gaines appointee.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 25-R20

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF FORT PIERCE, FLORIDA, CERTIFYING THE APPOINTMENT OR REAPPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO THE PARKING COMMITTEE; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Motion was made by Commissioner Arnold Gaines, seconded by Commissioner Curtis Johnson, Jr. to approve Resolution No. 25-R20 appointing Shatell Hypolite.

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

Passed

- c. Resolution 25-R21 Appointing Deborah Thompson to the Sunrise Theater Advisory Board as Commissioner Gaines appointee.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 25-R21

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF FORT PIERCE, FLORIDA, CERTIFYING THE APPOINTMENT AND REAPPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO THE SUNRISE THEATRE ADVISORY BOARD; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Motion was made by Commissioner Arnold Gaines, seconded by Commissioner Michael Broderick to approve Resolution 25-R21 appointing Deborah Thompson.

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

Passed

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

- a. Presentation of Law Enforcement Impact Fee Study - Discussion and Direction

Interim City Manager, Devoshay Johnson, introduced Mr. Freeman to present the impact study findings.

Kevin Freeman, Planning Director, presented the findings of the Law Enforcement Impact Fee study.

The Commission commented on this impact fee being levied by the County and the need to collect sufficient funds, lost revenue, freeing up the general budget, revenue from the impact fee, and the need for a more detailed discussion during an upcoming workshop.

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

Interim City Manager, Devoshay Johnson, introduced Ms. Arraiz for an update on the Pay to Park Pilot Program.

Peggy Arraiz, Community Response Director, provided an update regarding the final Pay to Park Pilot Program contract with PCI Municipal Services and direction. The Commission requested clarification on the reason for the proposed program.

Commissioner Broderick commented on the suggestion of the Parking Committee and how the program was suggested.

Ms. Arraiz commented on the staff's control over the beaches as they were heavily visited during COVID and explained the staff's recommendation for the parking program.

Mr. Devoshay Johnson commented on the impact of the program, revenue generation, federal regulations, and the three-year phase of the pilot program.

The Commission commented on the pilot program, federal regulations, permitting option, business validation option, community response to plan implementation, park/beach choice.

Joshua Revord, St. Lucie County Director of Port and Inlet Beaches, commented on public access and federal regulations and the Army Core of Engineers and ad valorem tax.

The Commission inquired on County contribution, equitable distribution, Jaycee Park.

Ms. Arraiz commented on equitable distribution and the park rental fees.

Jack Skelton, PCI Municipal Services, commented on the communication for the transition to pay-to-play and the program benefits.

Mr. Johnson commented on the exclusion of facility maintenance by PCI Municipal Services.

Jason Atkinson, Director of Public Works, commented on facilities staffing.

Rick Stauffer, Manager of Facility Maintenance, provided a breakdown of the division and lack of funding.

Commissioner Broderick commented on the ability to maintain the facilities and maintenance.

Mr. Devoshay Johnson commented on staffing to accommodate the City including funding and parking lot lease fees.

Mr. Skelton cautioned the Commission to make a data-driven decision.

Commissioner Taylor commented on the need to move forward with a program and provided suggestions.

Commissioner Gaines inquired if the additional revenue source could be used for staffing facilities.

Ms. Arraiz commented on focusing on the amendment and resolution.

Mr. Atkinson commented on the funding.

The Commission discussed the data for a permit and the fees associated with it.

Mr. Skelton explained the data and how it would be tracked and logged.

The consensus was to move forward with the proposed program to include an annual permit.

c. Discussion regarding City Manager contract.

Mr. Devoshay Johnson commented that Mr. Chess had made contact and provided a statement which was read into the record.

The Commission discussed the salary requests, and expressed their concerns and the City Managers' longevity.

The consensus was made to move forward with two hundred thousand as the salary, and a five percent increase at six months.

12. City Commission Boards and Committees Updates

Commissioner Gaines attended the Treasure Coast Local League of Governments and commented on a bill to abolish CRA's.

Commissioner Broderick commented that he was approached by Congressman Mast regarding funding for the City.

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 Hudson adjourned the meeting at 1:26 p.m.

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK

MAYOR COMMISSIONER