

MINUTES OF A REGULAR DAY 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 8TH 2025.

1. **Call to Order**

Mayor Pro Tem Curtis Johnson called the September 8th 2025, Conference Agenda Meeting to order at 9:00 A.M.

2. **Pledge of Allegiance**

3. **Roll Call**

Present: Commissioner Michael Broderick; Commissioner Arnold Gaines; Mayor Pro Tem Curtis Johnson, Jr.

Absent: Mayor Linda Hudson

Staff Present: City Manager Richard Chess
City Attorney Sara Hedges
City Clerk Linda Cox

Motion was made by Commissioner Michael Broderick, seconded by Commissioner Arnold Gaines to excuse Chairperson Linda Hudson's absence.

AYE: Commissioner Michael Broderick, Commissioner Arnold Gaines, Mayor Pro Tem Curtis Johnson, Jr.

Passed

4. **Approval of Minutes**

A. Approval of the minutes of the August 11, 2025 Day Meeting.

Motion was made by Commissioner Arnold Gaines, seconded by Commissioner Michael Broderick to approve the minutes for the August 11, 2025 Day Meeting.

AYE: Commissioner Michael Broderick, Commissioner Arnold Gaines, Mayor Pro Tem Curtis Johnson, Jr.

Passed

5. **Proclamations**

A. Hunger Action Month Proclamation, Treasure Coast Food Bank

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

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

AYE: Commissioner Michael Broderick, Commissioner Arnold Gaines, Mayor Pro Tem Curtis Johnson, Jr.

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. 2025 Strategic Plan Update

City Manager Richard Chess presented the 2025 Strategic Plan update. Commissioner Broderick asked about the Little Jim RPF. It is under review by the evaluation committee and will be brought to the Commission for approval in October. Commissioner Johnson asked to invite the St. Luce Homeless Task Force to a day meeting. Commissioner Gaines mentioned he can ask them at their next meeting as he is a part of that board. They asked Chief Officer for FPUA, Daniel Retherford, to give them an update on the wastewater treatment plant. Mr. Rutherford stated they are on schedule and there will be a ribbon cutting event scheduled for the end of the year. Commissioner Broderick thanked Congressman Brian Mast for obtaining a 1-million-dollar grant for our wastewater plant. They asked about the availability of the swimming pool on 13th Street. Deputy City Manager Devoshay Johnson let them know maintenance from the County is holding the City from moving forward with the grant. They would like to discuss with the County the possibility of taking over this pool. Mr. Chess and the Commissioners thanked the department heads and staff for their involvement in completing these tasks in a timely manner.

B. Keep Fort Pierce Beautiful Anti-Littering Campaign Update

Special Projects Coordinator Marsha Commond presented the Keep Fort Pierce Beautiful Anti-Littering Campaign update. The Commission mentioned working with the Youth Council to see if they would be interested in putting up the door hangers for Community Service hours. They also said this program should start with city staff. If anyone sees litter while they're out, they should pick it up.

9. Consent Agenda

A. Approval to execute the Indian River Drive Corridor Improvements construction contract, Bid No. 2025-019 with Ferreira Construction Company, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$10,254,124.04, as awarded by the City Commission on July 21, 2025.

Pulled by Commissioner Broderick. He wanted to let the public to know the funds are coming from the FPRA and Grants Divisions and not the operating budget. The Commissioners would like signs to go up as soon as possible to inform the community of the road work and closures.

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

AYE: Commissioner Michael Broderick, Commissioner Arnold Gaines, Mayor Pro Tem Curtis Johnson, Jr.

Passed

10. **City Commission - Resolutions**

- A. Resolution 25-R51 Approving an Amendment to the Assigned and Assumed Agreement for the Development of King's Landing (Villas Plat) and Release of the City's Reverter to the Villas Plat Property, only.

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

RESOLUTION 25-R51.

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF FORT PIERCE, FLORIDA. A FLORIDA MUNICIPAL CORPORATION, ASSUMING AN AMENDMENT TO THE ASSIGNED AND ASSUMED DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT FOR THE VILLAS PLAT PROPERTY OF KING'S LANDING AND RELEASE OF THE CITY'S REVERTER ON THE SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

City Attorney Sara Hedges presented the resolution and one of the attorneys for the development of Kings Landing, Bob Raynes, was available to answer any questions. Commissioner Broderick would like the public to know the developers for Kings Landing came to the City to ask them to remove the reverter clause.

Motion was made by Commissioner Arnold Gaines, seconded by Commissioner Michael Broderick to continue this item to the September 15th meeting.

AYE: Commissioner Michael Broderick, Commissioner Arnold Gaines, Mayor Pro Tem Curtis Johnson, Jr.

Passed

- B. Resolution 25-R67 REVISED Renewing the Clean & Safe Community Initiative by amending the sunset date.

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

RESOLUTION NO 25-R67

A RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF FORT PIERCE, FLORIDA; RESTABLISHING THE CLEAN AND SAFE COMMUNITY INITIATIVE; ESTABLISHING THE CONDITIONS AND PROGRAMS TO BE ADDRESSED UTILIZING THE CLEAN AND SAFE COMMUNITY INITIATIVE FUND; ESTABLISHING AN EXPIRATION DATE; PROVIDING FOR A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; REPEALING ALL RESOLUTIONS IN CONFLICT HEREWITH; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Community Response Director, Peggy Arraiz, presented the Resolution for the Clean & Safe Community Initiative. The Commission requested Ms. Arraiz to provide them with financial information to be presented at a future meeting to determine if an increase may be needed.

Motion was made by Commissioner Arnold Gaines, seconded by Commissioner Michael Broderick to approve Resolution 25-R67.

AYE: Commissioner Michael Broderick, Commissioner Arnold Gaines, Mayor Pro Tem Curtis Johnson, Jr.

Passed

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

- A. Discussion of proposed purchasing code amendment

Mr. Chess presented the proposed purchasing code amendment. The Commissioners questioned the need for the authorized officer to sign the protest and not legal counsel. They stated the attorney should be able to sign on behalf of their client. The different departments involved with creating this amendment will take the feedback and bring the final code amendment to the Commission.

B. Discussion of proposed 2026 City of Fort Pierce legislative priorities.

Mr. Chess discussed the 2026 City of Fort Pierce legislative priorities. A few of the big items coming up are Property Tax Reform, Sales Tax Reform, CRA Elimination, and the Arts and Culture budget. Commissioner Johnson asked Mr. Chess to discuss with department heads if there is anything they would like the Commissioners to bring to the Florida League of Cities.

12. City Commission Boards and Committees Updates

Commissioner Broderick did not have any updates.
Commissioner Gaines mentioned the Treasure Coast League of Local Government discussed the Property Tax Reform being discussed this upcoming legislative session.
Mayor Pro Tem Johnson mentioned the Fire Board held their budget meeting, and they discussed the millage rate.

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 Pro Tem Curtis Johnson adjourned the meeting at 11:40 AM

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK

MAYOR COMMISSIONER