

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, JANUARY 13, 2025.

1. **Call to Order**

Mayor Hudson called the January 13, 2025, Morning Meeting to order at 9:00 A.M.

2. **Pledge of Allegiance**

3. **Roll Call**

Present: Commissioner Michael Broderick; Commissioner Arnold Gaines; Mayor Linda Hudson; Commissioner James Taylor

Absent: Commissioner Curtis Johnson, Jr.

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

Motion was made by Commissioner Arnold Gaines, seconded by Commissioner Michael Broderick to excuse the absence of Commissioner Johnson.

AYE: Commissioner Michael Broderick, Commissioner Arnold Gaines, Mayor Linda Hudson, Commissioner James Taylor

Passed

4. **Approval of Minutes**

- a. Approval of the Minutes from the December 9, 2024 City Commission Meeting

Motion was made by Commissioner Michael Broderick, seconded by Commissioner Arnold Gaines to approve the minutes of the December 09, 2024 Day Meeting.

AYE: Commissioner Michael Broderick, Commissioner Arnold Gaines, Mayor Linda Hudson, Commissioner James Taylor

Passed

5. **Proclamations**

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

Motion was made by Commissioner James Taylor, seconded by Commissioner Arnold Gaines to approve the agenda as set.

AYE: Commissioner Michael Broderick, Commissioner Arnold Gaines, 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.

Gus Guterrez

Kris Einstein

8. Miscellaneous Reports and Presentations

- a. Fort Pierce Utilities Authority Advisory Committee Second Annual Work Plan Presentation

Leslie Olson, District Planning Group, on behalf of the FPUA Advisory Committee, and Monci Martinez, FPUA, presented the Second Annual Work Plan.

The Commission commented on the jobs corridor plan, inquiring about community meetings, outreach, and the septic tank program, and expressed gratitude for the hard work put into these initiatives.

Ms. Olson commented on the inclusion of the jobs corridor, and challenges with outreach and requested input.

Mayor Hudson commented on the work done by the FPUA, The FPUA Advisory Board, and representation at events.

- b. Kings Landing Update

Sara Hedges, City Attorney, introduced Attorney Scott Hawkins, Jones Foster, and Bill Ware, Development Manager, Live Oak Holdings, to provide the quarterly update on recent developments.

The Commission inquired about the application submission date, Marriott's timeline, the joint venture partnership, and the action dates. They also discussed changes to the site plan, requested that all parties involved provide a representative during the meetings, and addressed time frames, the Tribute Brand, impacts on utilities, and screening options for the site.

Mr. Ware noted that he would provide Marriott's process, clarify the second amendment, share his history, and explain that the villas have always been a separate part of the project infrastructure.

Ms. Hedges provided an update on the venture partnership agreement. She referenced line item five regarding the date requirements and explained that if a secondary site plan approval is necessary, any issues will be resolved by the January 28 deadline. Additionally, she noted that the terms have changed, granting 100% control to Live Oak.

Kevin Freeman, Planning Director, explained the process that the planning department follows once an application is received, including site plan changes, the design time start date, and the site plan itself.

Javier Cisneros, FPUA Director of Utilities, stated that the utilities are available and ready to be utilized.

- c. Infrastructure Surtax Citizens Oversight Committee Annual Report 2024

Selena Griffett, Project Engineer, presented the Infrastructure Surtax Citizens Oversight Committee Annual Report 2024.

The Commission inquired about the number of years remaining for the surtax, noting that there will be a new master list at that time, requested an update on Avenue "D" and noted that 13th Street is currently unfunded. They inquired whether 13th Street will be added to the master list if it remains unfunded, and whether road improvements are still allocated in the general fund budget.

Ms. Griffett commented that the item will come up on the 2028 ballot for renewal and that a grant was received regarding Avenue "D", and it can be added.

Jack Andrews, Engineering, explained that the surtax has been used exclusively for streets.

9. Consent Agenda

- a. Approval of travel for Commissioner Arnold Gaines to attend the FBC-LEO Annual Conference in Orlando, Florida from February 27, 2025, to February 28, 2025, in the amount of \$900.69.

Motion was made by Commissioner Michael Broderick, seconded by Commissioner James Taylor to approve the consent agenda.

AYE: Commissioner Michael Broderick, Commissioner Arnold Gaines, Mayor
Linda Hudson, Commissioner James Taylor

Passed

10. City Commission - Resolutions

- a. Resolution 25-R07 Appointing James Crist to the Board of Adjustment as Commissioner Taylor's appointee.

Records Management Coordinator, Tina Rel, introduced the Resolution, read by title only, into the record.

RESOLUTION NO. 25-R07

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

Motion was made by Commissioner James Taylor, seconded by Commissioner Arnold Gaines to approve Resolution No. 25-R07 appointing James Crist.

AYE: Commissioner Michael Broderick, Commissioner Arnold Gaines, Mayor
Linda Hudson, Commissioner James Taylor

Passed

- b. Resolution 25-R08 Appointing Levi Lovell to the Keep Fort Pierce Beautiful Advisory Board as Commissioner Taylor's appointee.

Records Management Coordinator, Tina Rel, introduced the Resolution, read by title only, into the record.

RESOLUTION NO. 25-R08

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

Motion was made by Commissioner James Taylor, seconded by Commissioner Arnold Gaines to approve Resolution No. 25-R08 appointing Levi Lovell.

AYE: Commissioner Michael Broderick, Commissioner Arnold Gaines, Mayor Linda Hudson, Commissioner James Taylor

Passed

- c. Resolution 25-R09 Appointing Luke Croghan to the Sunrise Theater Advisory Board as Commissioner Taylor's appointee.

Records Management Coordinator, Tina Rel, introduced the Resolution, read by title only, into the record.

RESOLUTION NO. 25-R09

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

Motion was made by Commissioner James Taylor, seconded by Commissioner Arnold Gaines to approve Resolution No. 25-R09 appointing Luke Croghan.

AYE: Commissioner Michael Broderick, Commissioner Arnold Gaines, Mayor Linda Hudson, Commissioner James Taylor

Passed

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

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

Commissioner Broderick - nothing to report.

Commissioner Gaines - nothing to report but commented on the MLK activities at Friendship Baptist Church.

Commissioner Taylor - nothing to report but has two upcoming meetings.

Mayor Hudson commented on the Treasure Coast League of Cities and Fire District meetings.

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 11:13 a.m.

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK

MAYOR COMMISSIONER