

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 5:05 P.M. ON MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 2ND, 2025.

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Hudson called the September 2nd, 2025 Regular Meeting of the City Commission to order at 5:05 P.M.

**2. OPENING PRAYER - Chaplin Belinda Pizarro - River of Life Fellowship**

**3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**4. ROLL CALL**

Present: Commissioner Michael Broderick; Commissioner Arnold Gaines;  
Commissioner Curtis Johnson, Jr.; Mayor Linda Hudson

Staff Present: City Manager Richard Chess  
Senior Assistant City Attorney Camille Wallace  
City Clerk Linda Cox

**5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- A. Approval of Minutes from August 18, 2025 regular meeting.

Motion was made by Commissioner Curtis Johnson, Jr., seconded by Commissioner Arnold Gaines to approve the Minutes of the September 2nd, 2025 Regular Meeting.

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

**6. PROCLAMATIONS**

**7. LETTERS TO COMMISSION**

- A. Letter from Charlie Hayek thanking Robert Lutjen for chronicling the Great American Raft Race, a collaboration between the Fort Police Police Department, Project Lift, United Against Poverty and several other groups. Bobby's video showcased Fort Pierce's community service and involvement, making this a great place to live.

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

Motion was made by Commissioner Curtis Johnson, Jr., seconded by Commissioner Arnold Gaines to pull Item 12B

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

**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.

No comments

**10. MISCELLANEOUS REPORTS**

**11. CONSENT AGENDA**

- A. Approval of contract with Airstron, LLC for the Sunrise Theatre Chiller Replacement in the amount of \$242,320.00 in response to RFP 2025-007 as approved by City Commission on 5/5/2025.
- B. Approval of expenditure in the amount of \$79,539.00 for the emergency replacement of a structurally damaged traffic mast arm currently situated at the intersection on the west side of SR A1A and Binney Drive and the work will be performed by AUM Construction, Inc.
- C. Approval of construction contract with Pav-Co Contracting, Inc. for Surfside Neighborhood Roadway Improvement Phase II, Bid No. 2025-014, in the amount of \$3,469,267.18.
- D. Approval to award Bid No. 2025-024 for the Avenue D Resurfacing from 29th Street to US 1 project to C. W. Roberts Contracting, Inc. in the amount of \$4,072,873.50.
- E. Approval of Amendment No. 1 to the Amended Continuing Services Agreement for a One-Year Renewal with Architects Design Collaborative, LLC for Professional Architectural and Landscape Architectural Services
- F. Approval of Amendment No. 1 to Continuing Services Agreement for a One-Year Renewal with BCER Engineering, Inc.
- G. Approval of Amendment No. 1 to Amended Continuing Services Agreement for a One-Year Renewal with Cotleur & Hearing, LLC for Professional Architectural Services
- H. Approval of Amendment No. 1 to the Continuing Services Agreement for a One-Year Renewal with Cape Design Engineering Co. for Professional Engineering Services
- I. Approval of Amendment No. 1 to the Continuing Services Agreement for a One-Year Renewal with SGM Engineering, Inc. for Professional Engineering Services.
- J. Approval of Amendment No. 1 to the Continuing Services Agreement for a One-Year Renewal with Inspire Placemaking Collective, Inc. for Landscape Architectural Services
- K. Approval of Amendment No. 1 to the Amended Continuing Services Agreement for a One-Year Renewal with Don Bergman Architecture, LLC for Professional Architectural Services

- L. Approval of Amendment No. 1 to the Continuing Services Agreement for a One-Year Renewal with GFA International, Inc. d/b/a Universal Engineering Sciences for Professional Engineering Services
- M. Approval of Amendment No. 1 to the Continuing Services Agreement for a One-Year Renewal with Royal Consulting Services, Inc. for Professional Engineering Services
- N. Approval of Amendment No. 1 to the Amended Continuing Services Agreement for a One-Year Renewal with MBV Engineering, Inc.
- O. Approval of Amendment No. 1 to the Continuing Services Agreement for a One-Year Renewal with TLC Engineering Solutions, Inc. for Professional Engineering Services
- P. Approval of Amendment No. 1 to the Amended Continuing Services Agreement for a One-Year Renewal with EXP U.S. Services, Inc. for Professional Architectural and Engineering Services
- Q. Approval of Continuing Services Agreement with D & R Landscapes, Inc. for Nuisance Abatement Services, RFP No. 2024-048, in the amount of \$75,000.
- R. Approval of Continuing Services Agreement with Mow 4 Less, LLC. for Nuisance Abatement Services, RFP No. 2024-048, in the amount of \$75,000.
- S. Approve the Release and Satisfaction of Unity of Title in respect of parcels 2412-501-0123-000-7 (1860 Surfside Drive) & 2412-501-0124-000-4 (1840 Surfside Drive).
- T. Approval of Letter of Support for the Fort Pierce Housing Authority's to complete a Rental Assistance Demonstration Section 18 blend conversion of the Buell Brown Center.
- U. Approval of Letters of Support for Superintendent Jon Prince Recognition as Superintendent of the Year 2026
- V. Approval of the expenditure in the amount of \$96,176.00 for a 2026 Ford F550 Water Truck pursuant to the Florida Sheriff's Association Contract No. FSA 23-VEH-21-RO (bid effective from 10/01/23 through 9/30/25), Specification No. 26; contract approval anticipated at a later date as required.
- W. Approve the Mutual Benefit and Use Agreement with Bergeron Emergency Services, Inc. for emergency debris removal services for the 2025 Hurricane Season
- X. Approve the Mutual Benefit and Use Agreement with Ceres Environmental Services, Inc., for Emergency Debris Removal Services for the 2025 Hurricane Season.
- Y. Approve the Mutual Benefit and Use Agreement with Custom Tree Care, Inc., for Emergency Debris Removal Services for the 2025 Hurricane Season.
- Z. Approve the Mutual Benefit and Use Agreement with DRC Emergency Services, LLC., for Emergency Debris Removal Services for the 2025 Hurricane Season.
- ZZ. Approve the Mutual Benefit and Use Agreement with True North Emergency Management, LLC., for Disaster Debris Monitoring Management and Consulting Services for the 2025 Hurricane Season.

Commissioner Broderick pulled item 11C.  
Commissioner Gaines pulled item 11 D.

Motion was made by Commissioner Michael Broderick, seconded by  
Commissioner Curtis Johnson, Jr. to approve Consent Agenda items A-B, E-ZZ.

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

Passed

As to Item 11 C, Commissioner Broderick pulled this item because he thought that the public needed to know where the funds were coming from for a contract of this value. He called on the City Engineer for clarification. The City Engineer confirmed that the funds were from the Stormwater Fund, which is a self generating fund for projects like these.

Motion was made by Commissioner Michael Broderick, seconded by  
Commissioner Curtis Johnson, Jr. to approve the construction contract with  
Pav-Co Contracting, Inc.

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

Passed

As to item 11D, Commissioner Gaines also wanted to let the public and residents know where the money was coming from for this contract and also why they were stopping at 29th St. The City Engineer explained that the funds were coming from Surtax, FPRA funding and some state grants. The funds are not coming out of the General Fund.

Commissioner Johnson asked about the timeframe for the completion of the project. City Engineer responded that they estimate November or December to start. Concerns were raised since this timeframe is near the holidays and this is a primary thoroughfare. He called on the City Manager to update the public and set expectations of major disruptions around the holidays, since this is a pathway that usually has a Christmas tree and lights.

Motion was made by Commissioner Arnold Gaines, seconded by Commissioner  
Curtis Johnson, Jr. to approve item D to award Bid No: 2025-024 for Avenue D  
Resurfacing.

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

Passed

## 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.*

- A. Legislative Hearing - Ordinance 25-023 - Review and approval of Voluntary Annexation by owner Troil South, LLC, to extend the territorial limits of the City of Fort Pierce, Florida, to include one (1) parcel at 1903 S. 37th Street. The proposed City Future Land Use designation is General Commercial (GC) and Zoning classification of General Commercial (C-3). Parcel ID: 2417-331-0001-000-0.  
SECOND READING

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

ORDINANCE NO. 25-023 - AN ORDINANCE EXTENDING THE TERRITORIAL LIMITS OF THE CITY OF FORT PIERCE, FLORIDA, TO INCLUDE ONE (1) PARCEL AT 1903 S. 37<sup>th</sup> STREET AND SHOWN ON EXHIBIT A; DIRECTING THE ST. LUCIE COUNTY PROPERTY APPRAISER TO ASSESS SAID PROPERTY AND PLACE IT ON THE CITY TAX ROLLS AS OF JANUARY 1, 2026; DIRECTING THE ST. LUCIE COUNTY TAX COLLECTOR TO COLLECT TAXES ON THE HEREIN DESCRIBED PROPERTY; ESTABLISHING THE FORT PIERCE ZONING DESIGNATION; ESTABLISHING THE FORT PIERCE LAND USE DESIGNATION; DIRECTING FILING OF THE ORDINANCE WITH THE CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT AND CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER OF ST. LUCIE COUNTY; DIRECTING REVISION OF THE CHARTER BOUNDARY ARTICLE TO BE FILED WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE AND SUBMITTED TO THE OFFICE OF ECONOMIC AND DEMOGRAPHIC RESEARCH; PROVIDING FOR A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS THEREOF IN CONFLICT HERewith; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. SECOND READING

Mayor Hudson opened the Public Hearing. Seeing no one, she closed the Public Hearing.

Motion was made by Commissioner Arnold Gaines, seconded by Commissioner Curtis Johnson, Jr. to approve Ordinance 23-023.

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

Passed

- B. PULLED AT STAFF'S REQUEST. Legislative Hearing - Ordinance 25-024 Creating Chapter 103, Article XII Mandatory Structural Inspections for Condominium and Cooperative Buildings. SECOND READING
- C. Quasi-Judicial Hearing - Ordinance No. 25-025. An Ordinance amending the King's Landing Planned Development in respect of (8) eight parcels and representing approximately 7.50 acres of land generally located at or near 322 North 2nd Street, as established by Ordinance 20-012 and amended by Ordinance 22-003 and the associated conceptual site plan(s) thereto; approving a final site plan; approving a planned development zoning agreement; providing for a severability clause; providing for repeal of ordinances or parts thereof in conflict herewith and providing for an effective date. FIRST READING

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

ORDINANCE NO. 25-025 AN ORDINANCE BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF FORT PIERCE, FLORIDA; AMENDING THE KING'S LANDING PLANNED DEVELOPMENT IN RESPECT OF EIGHT (8) PARCELS AND REPRESENTING APPROXIMATELY 7.50 ACRES OF LAND GENERALLY LOCATED AT OR NEAR 322 NORTH 2ND STREET AS ESTABLISHED BY ORDINANCE NO. 20-012 AND AMENDED BY ORDINANCE 22-003 AND THE ASSOCIATED CONCEPTUAL SITE PLAN(S) THERETO; APPROVING A FINAL SITE PLAN; APPROVING A PLANNED DEVELOPMENT ZONING AGREEMENT; PROVIDING FOR A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL OF ORDINANCES OR PARTS THEREOF IN CONFLICT HERewith; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. FIRST READING.

Mayor Linda Hudson asked all present to listen carefully to what Senior Assistant City Attorney Camille Wallace would read regarding Quasi-Judicial Hearings. Camille Wallace, Senior Assistant City Attorney, reviewed the quasi-judicial hearing rules and procedures.

Mayor Linda Hudson called the proceeding to order.

City Clerk, Linda Cox, confirmed that the City complied with the advertisement and notice requirements.

Ex parte communications:

Commissioner Broderick – Yes, met with developer and attended planning board

Commissioner Gaines – Yes, met with developer and watched planning board

Commissioner Johnson – Yes, met with developer

Mayor Hudson – Yes, met with developer and watched planning board

City Clerk, Linda Cox, swore in those wanting to speak during the Quasi-Judicial hearing.

Staff presentation:

Kevin Freeman, Planning Director presented the application for a major amendment to a previously approved site plan for the Kings Landing project. This application includes design elements presented and approved by the Planning Board at its July 14, 2025 meeting. Changes included additional parking and redesigned building footprints and site layout. Historic Presentation Board also approved the revised site plan at its July 28, 2025 meeting. Access points within the development have been refined providing better flow. The project phases remain in compliance with the existing development agreement. Staff recommends **Approval** of the amendment to the Kings Landing PD site plan subject to the six (6) attached conditions: 1. The Kings Villas element of the site plan is not incorporated within this approved site plan reference 25-114 HD KING - WARE R11.DWG. 2. The Timetable of Development shall comply with the Third Amendment to the Amended and Restated Agreement for Development of King's Landing, such;

- Phase 1 to be completed no later than July 11, 2028.
- Phase 2 building permits or DPCR approval for must be complete by February 24, 2027. Construction commencement for Phase 2 no later than May 19, 2027, and completion of Phase 2 no later than May 29, 2029.
- Phase 3 building permit or DPCR approval for construction of Phase 3 no later than August 23, 2028, and construction commencement of Phase 3 no later than November 15, 2028. Construction completion of Phase 3 no later than November 13, 2029.

3. All required roadway improvements (including sidewalks) shall be completed and approved in compliance with the Development Agreement. 4. A Plat shall be required prior to the application for building permits in respect of vertical construction. 5. A Street Lighting Plan shall be submitted and approved prior to first certificate of occupancy in respect of a vertical construction building permit within each phase. 6. A Landscape maintenance agreement shall be submitted and approved prior to first certificate of occupancy in respect of a vertical construction building permit within each phase. Commission questions of Staff:

Mayor Hudson asked Mr. Freeman to confirm that all Engineering comments raised at the Planning Board had been resolved; the comments raised have been resolved.

Commissioner Broderick asked if the development team complied with everything they were looking for and if there were any substantive issues that remained; Mr. Freeman confirmed that there were no outstanding issues, not only with planning, but building and engineering as well. Commissioner Broderick commended staff and their teamwork on this project.

Applicant presentation:

David Baggett, Haley Ward had no questions of staff. Mr. Baggett expressed his appreciation to staff for the collaborative effort to make the right changes for this project to keep the original vision and make the project better along the way.

Bill Ware, Live Oak and Developer, emphasized his positive experience with staff throughout his work on this project. They discussed the potential for conference space on the top floor of the hotel and the idea of rooftop access, clarifying that is being accommodated at the restaurant building next door.

Public comment:  
Marcia Baker  
Pete Tesch

Mayor Hudson closed the public hearing and indicated now was the time for deliberations.

Motion was made by Commissioner Michael Broderick, seconded by Commissioner Curtis Johnson, Jr. to approve Ordinance 25-025 with 6 staff conditions.

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

Passed

- D. Quasi-Judicial Hearing - an application for Major Site Plan with innovative designs has been submitted by property owner, Arrow Investment Group, LLC and Representative WGI, Inc., to construct a 106 apartments on 6.87 acres, located at 3000 Okeechobee Rd., Fort Pierce, FL. The properties are zoned Medium Density Residential (R-4). Parcel ID is 2417-504-0020-0001-6.

Linda Cox, City Clerk, introduced the quasi-judicial hearing on an application for Major Site Plan located at 3000 Okeechobee Road.

City Clerk, Linda Cox, confirmed that the City complied with the advertisement and notice requirements.

Ex parte communications:

Commissioner Broderick – Yes, met with development team.

Commissioner Gaines – Yes, met with development team.

Commissioner Johnson – Yes.

Mayor Hudson – Yes, received an email.

City Clerk, Linda Cox, swore in those wanting to speak during the Quasi-Judicial hearing.

Staff presentation:

Kerry Driver, Senior Planner.

The applicant is requesting the review and approval of a Major Site Plan (Innovative Community Development); to develop 106 apartment units at 3000 Okeechobee Rd. The three (3) multi-level, multi-family buildings proposes to offer community amenities and resources, unique architectural designs, enhanced landscaping and transit-oriented design features.

Staff confirmed that the enhanced architectural design features and community amenities align with the city's expectations as referred to in Sec. 125-143. Staff's recommendations is APPROVAL with the following seven conditions: 1. Prior to issuance of final certificate of occupancy, a Landscape Maintenance Agreement shall be approved and shall acknowledge the following:

a. All approved landscaping shall be installed, irrigated, and maintained in perpetuity in accordance with section 123-7 of the City Code of Ordinances, in order that it continues to present a healthy, neat, and orderly appearance free of refuse and debris, in conformity with the following requirements:

i. Vegetation required by this article shall be replaced with equivalent or better vegetation if it is not living. All trees for which credit is awarded, and which subsequently die shall be replaced by the same or greater number of living trees according to the standards established in this article

ii. Maintenance shall include sufficient weeding, watering, fertilizing, pruning, mowing, edging, mulching and other horticultural practices to ensure that the landscaping continues to maintain a healthy, neat, and orderly appearance 2. A 5-foot sidewalk along S. 31st Street to provide site connectivity to the existing Okeechobee Road sidewalk 3. A 12.5 ft. right-of-way donation on S. 31st Street 4.

Prior to the CO, a maintenance plan and agreement signed by the owner and/or operating entity shall be notarized and submitted to the City Engineer. The agreement shall include the operation and maintenance of all stormwater facilities and shall ensure the stormwater management system has a plan for the removal of nuisance and invasive exotics or other vegetation to ensure no re-growth of the same 5. Sign permits shall be filed separately during the permit process 6. An updated Environmental Assessment shall be required prior to land clearing and development 7. Prior to the issuance of any site clearing permits, the applicant shall provide a Tree Mitigation Survey and coordinate with the City of Fort Pierce Arborist for the required mitigation of the City's regulated trees proposed to be removed as a result of its site development/construction activity  
Commission questions of Staff:

Commissioner Johnson inquired about the ownership of the adjacent canal. The canal will need to be maintained. Commissioner Johnson also inquired about the school bus stop. Ms. Driver explained the bus stop will be located just outside of the development with a covered waiting area; the location has been approved by the school district. There was significant discussion about the school bus stop by all.

Applicant presentation:

Jerrold Purser, Applicant Representative, had no questions of staff. They have worked closely with staff and are looking forward to bringing this much needed project to the city. With regard to the bus stop, they worked closely with the school district to come to the determination that the bus stop on Okeechobee was the best solution.

Commission questions of applicant:

Sean Wilson, President of Blue Sky, they share the concern regarding the safety of the children; they do their own in-house management and will do their best to discourage unsafe behavior.

Jane Calvera, Traffic Engineer, discussed the basis for the traffic study.

Jerrold Purser, Applicant described the fencing along the property lines. They additionally described the definition of affordable housing for this project; an example being the maximum income for a 3-person household being \$51,180.00.

Public comment:

Andrea Byer-Thomas  
Richard Haisley

Mayor Hudson closed the public hearing and indicated now was the time for deliberations.

Commissioners discussed concerns with the bus stop and the potential need for a school crossing guard.

Motion was made by Commissioner Michael Broderick, seconded by Commissioner Curtis Johnson, Jr. to approve item 12D with the 7 Staff Conditions and an 8th condition that the developer shall provide confirmation that child safety, including the potential need for a crossing guard, has been discussed with the School Board and the appropriate law enforcement agencies.

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

Passed

- E. Quasi-Judicial Hearing - Review and approval of an application (PZCON2025-00007) for a Conditional Use to increase the occupancy of an existing Detox Facility from fourteen (14) to sixteen (16) clients 912 Avenue I, Fort Pierce, FL. The property is zoned Medium Density Residential (R-4). Parcel ID: 2403-707-0009-000-6.

Linda Cox, City Clerk, introduced the application for a Conditional Use to increase the occupancy of an existing Detox Facility from fourteen (14) to sixteen (16) clients at 912 Avenue I, Fort Pierce, FL.

City Clerk, Linda Cox, confirmed that the City complied with the advertisement and notice requirements.

Ex parte communications:

Commissioner Broderick – No

Commissioner Gaines – No

Commissioner Johnson – No

Mayor Hudson – No

City Clerk, Linda Cox, swore in those wanting to speak during the Quasi-Judicial hearing.

Staff presentation:

Vennis Gilmore, Historic Preservation Officer/Senior Planner. The owner, Haley Neeley, is seeking to increase the occupancy of an existing detox facility from 14 to 16 clients. Live Oak Detox is a licensed, short-term residential detoxification facility offering medically monitored withdrawal services in a structured, secure environment. The facility provides medical detoxification and individualized and group-based therapeutic support during the initial stabilization period of recovery from substance use. The facility is licensed under the Florida Department of Children and Families (DCF), accredited by The Joint Commission, and intends to be compliant with all State and City regulations. The original conditional use was approved on February 16, 2016.

Staff recommends approval with the condition that additional parking requirements are waived if the use and business are continuously maintained.

Commission questions of Staff:

All conditions imposed in 2016 have been complied.

Applicant presentation:

Cody Neeley was present to answer any questions.

Public comment: No public comment.

Mayor Hudson closed the public hearing and indicated now was the time for deliberations.

Motion was made by Commissioner Arnold Gaines, seconded by Commissioner Curtis Johnson, Jr. to approve conditional use with staff condition.

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

Passed

**13. CITY COMMISSION**

**14. 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 from the public.

**15. COMMENTS FROM THE CITY MANAGER**

Mr. Chess gave some clarity to a few statements made at the last meeting by a union representative for the police officers. It was stated that the three positions mentioned were making substantially more than the interim police officers and that statements were inaccurate and misinformation. Job Posting for the new Police Chief is on the website under the latest news section. There is also a link posted for the three public survey questions. There is also a survey link for the police department specifically. The public will be able to chime in on their desires from the police department.

Ms. Cox gave an update on the qualifying for the special election. There were three candidates that qualified for District 2. Only registered voters in District 2 can vote on November 4th.

Ms. Wallace had no comments.

**A. Reports**

No reports by the Legal Department

**16. COMMENTS FROM THE COMMISSION**

Commissioner Johnson commended the City Manager's report and highlighted that the public must be encouraged to use the See, Click, Fix App. The City Manager stated that with the See, Click, Fix App there is a better tracking of the responses in resolving any issue reported with the app. Departments can be held responsible.

Commissioner Broderick praised the City of Fort Pierce staff for their outstanding cooperation and teamwork in successfully advancing a \$100 million project within six months—a timeline he initially doubted due to the complexity of the process. He highlighted the collaboration among various departments, including building, engineering, and planning, as a powerful example of what the city can achieve when focused and motivated. He urged staff to maintain this level of cooperation on all projects, regardless of size, and expressed hope to continue recognizing such efforts in the future, emphasizing the importance of teamwork moving forward. Commissioner Broderick also commended the City Manager for taking the initiative to walk through the downtown area with department heads and personally engage with business owners, despite the 95-degree heat. This unannounced outreach was seen as going above and beyond official duties, creating a strong connection with the business community. The speaker noted that business owners were impressed and appreciative, and he personally applauded the effort and thanked the City Manager for the meaningful engagement.

Commissioner Gaines shared that both he and Commissioner Broderick serve on the retirement board, and he was recently selected as one of 25 members in the second class of the Trustee Leadership Council, a step above standard certification. He will begin this role in October, aiming to gain more knowledge and better represent retirees.

The Mayor said that Sailfish Brewing Company is having a reception on September 3rd for the launch of the anti-litter campaign titled "Our City Our Responsibility". This also ties in with the see, click, fix. She also publicly thanked Mr. Bruce Murray, A volunteer for the police department who was honored last week for his dedication and commitment to the police advisory committee and the city of Fort Pierce.

**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 meeting was adjourned at 7:25 P.M.

ATTEST:

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CITY CLERK

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MAYOR COMMISSIONER