

MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE FORT PIERCE REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY, HELD IN THE CITY HALL COMMISSION CHAMBERS, 100 NORTH U.S. #1, FORT PIERCE, FLORIDA, AT 4:30 P.M. ON MONDAY, MARCH 31, 2025.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Hudson called the March 31, 2025, FPRA Special Meeting of the City Commission to order at 9 a.m.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. ROLL CALL

Present: Chairperson Linda Hudson; Commissioner Arnold Gaines; Commissioner Michael Broderick; Commissioner Curtis Johnson, Jr.; Commissioner James Taylor

Staff Present: City Clerk Linda Cox
Interim City Manager Devoshay Johnson
City Attorney Sara Hedges

4. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Any person who wishes to comment on any subject on this agenda may be heard at this time. Please limit your comments to three (3) minutes or less, as directed by the Chairperson, as this section of the Agenda is limited to fifteen minutes. The FPRA Board will not be able to take any official actions under Comments from the Public. Speakers will address the Chairperson, Board Members, and the Public with respect. Inappropriate language will not be tolerated.

No comments

5. NEW BUSINESS

- a. FPRA Resolution 25-04 appointing an Interim FPRA Director

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

FPRA RESOLUTION NO. 25-04

A RESOLUTION OF THE FORT PIERCE REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY, A DEPENDENT SPECIAL DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF FORT PIERCE, FLORIDA; DESIGNATING AN INTERIM FPRA DIRECTOR; REPEALING ALL RESOLUTIONS IN CONFLICT HEREWITH; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Motion was made by Commissioner Michael Broderick, seconded by Commissioner Curtis Johnson, Jr. to approve Resolution No. 25-04 designating Devoshay Johnson as Interim FPRA Director.

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

Passed

- b. Approval of Letter of Support for St. Lucie County Area Transit application for a Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Buses and Bus Facilities Competitive Grant.

Motion was made by Commissioner Arnold Gaines, seconded by Commissioner Curtis Johnson, Jr. to approve the letter of support for St. Lucie County Area Transit application.

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

Passed

- c. FPRA Financial Update

Johnna Morris, Director of Finance, presented the FPRA financial update.

The Commission inquired on year-to-date revenue and what it represents, fund balance and appropriations, debt service repayments, wayfinding's gateway and waterways project, tax evaluations, personnel cost, operational expenditures, and Avenue D project.

Ms. Morris commented on the revenue sources, fund balance for proposed projects, debt service repayments, tax evaluations, personnel costs, operational expenditures and inquired if the Board would prefer a line-by-line report.

Shyanne Harnage, Community and Economic Development Director, explained the commitment with St. Lucie County, wayfinding, and the Avenue D project with State appropriation.

The Commission provided direction on the requested report and a quarterly update.

- d. Discussion and direction regarding the potential purchase of 1236 Avenue D

Interim City Manager Devoshay Johnson opened the discussion about the potential purchase of 1236 Avenue D. Shayanne Harnage, Community and Economic Development Director, presented the property owners' ideas for the redevelopment of the property, and inquired on shared accessibility of the parcel, and what the City envisions for the property if purchased.

The Board inquired on accessibility and the challenges related to acquiring the property, the property's value, and available opportunities for the property due to its proximity to the Highwaymen Museum.

Ms. Harnage commented on the appraisal of the property,

Mr. Johnson commented on the direction the Board would like to take moving forward.

Chairperson Hudson inquired if a motion should be made.

City Attorney Sara Hedges commented that a motion should be made.

Commissioner Broderick inquired on the City's latitude for negotiations.

Ms. Morris commented that there is no maximum that is allowed.

Motion was made by Commissioner Michael Broderick, seconded by Commissioner James Taylor to authorize staff to secure an appraisal and begin negotiations to secure a price for 1236 Avenue D.

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

Passed

- e. Workshop discussion regarding the future direction of the FPRA Director position

The Board discussed the FPRA Director position, keeping Mr. Johnson in the Interim FPRA Director position temporarily, possible conflicts of interest, continuity, introducing the new City Manager into the conversation, the future direction of the FPRA.

Ms. Hedges commented on the HR rules for staffing for the FPRA.

Commissioner Broderick discussed emails about City leases and expressed his desire for a unified approach to them.

Chairperson Hudson commented on the process.

Commissioner Johnson commented on the reorganization of the leasing process and his resignation from Lincoln Park Mainstreet.

Commissioner Taylor commented on safety concerns with the JCPenney remodel and is unhappy with the library dumpsters.

Mr. Devoshay Johnson provided an update on the library dumpster and addressed safety concerns.

Commissioner Broderick commented on the change order process and managing the City's assets.

6. ADJOURNMENT

Chairperson Hudson adjourned the meeting at 10:36 a.m.

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK

CHAIRPERSON