

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, OCTOBER 21, 2024.

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Hudson called the October 21, 2024, Regular Meeting of the City of Fort Pierce to order at 5:05 P.M.

**2. OPENING PRAYER**

Jamal Mosley, Interim IT Operations Manager.

**3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**4. ROLL CALL**

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

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

**5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- a. Approval of the Minutes from the October 7, 2024 Regular Meeting.

Motion was made by Commissioner Jeremiah Johnson, seconded by Commissioner Arnold Gaines to approve the minutes of the October 7, 2024 Regular Meeting.

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

Passed

**6. PROCLAMATIONS**

- a. Red Ribbon Week  
b. Gullah Geechee Month  
c. Government Week

**7. LETTERS TO COMMISSION**

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

Motion was made by Commissioner Curtis Johnson, Jr., seconded by Commissioner Arnold Gaines to approve the agenda as set.

AYE: Commissioner Michael Broderick, Commissioner Arnold Gaines, Commissioner Curtis Johnson, Jr., Commissioner Jeremiah Johnson, 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 Continuing Contract for Landscape Architecture to Inspire Placemaking Collective of Orlando, Florida pursuant to RFQ No. 2024-005.
- b. Approval of Letter of Engagement with GrayRobinson, P.A. for Governmental Consulting Services
- c. Approval of travel for Commissioner Arnold Gaines to attend the Florida League of Cities Legislative Committee meeting in Orlando, Florida from November 07, 2024, to November 08, 2024, in the amount of \$413.89.
- d. Approval of travel for Commissioner Curtis Johnson to attend the Florida League of Cities Legislative Committee meeting in Orlando, Florida from November 07, 2024, to November 08, 2024, in the amount of \$413.89.
- e. Approval of travel for Mayor Linda Hudson to attend the Florida League of Cities Legislative Committee meeting in Orlando, Florida from November 07, 2024, to November 08, 2024, in the amount of \$413.89.
- f. Approval to piggyback Florida Sheriff's Association Contract No. FSA23-VEH21.0: Heavy Trucks and Buses (bid effective from October 1, 2024 through September 30, 2025), Specification No. 26, for purchase of a Ford F550 4X2 and Versalift from Duval Ford, Jacksonville, F, in accordance with the attached quote, for the amount not to exceed \$164,770.26.
- g. Approval to renew the current Flock Safety for Automatic License Plate Readers for five years in the amount of \$81,500.00 annually, for a total cost not to exceed \$407,500.00.
- h. Approval of the Flock Safety agreement that will expand services with a first-year cost of \$409,350.00 and years two through five costs of \$354,100.00, for a total not to exceed \$1,825,750.00.
- i. Approval of an individual vendor Purchase Order #240100 increased in FY2024 for Gall's in the amount of \$18,852, for a total not to exceed \$68,852.
- j. Approval of the Communitywide Council's recommendation to award three (3) Small Business Grants in the amount not to exceed \$5,000.00 each to the Learning Tree Academy Premier Gift Baskets Design and Secure Labs.

Commissioner Gaines commented on item 11j  
Commissioner Curtis Johnson pulled items 11g and 11h.

Motion was made by Commissioner Curtis Johnson, Jr., seconded by Commissioner Jeremiah Johnson to approve items 11a-11f and items 11i and 11j of the Consent Agenda.

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

Passed

As to item 11g

The Commission inquired on the outcomes of investing in this equipment, where the funds are coming from and commented on the benefits of the service to make the City safer.

Captain Jason Braun, Fort Pierce Police Department, commented on the license plate reader system and expounded on the Flock Safety system.

Acting City Manager, Linda Cox commented that the funds come from the general account.

Motion was made by Commissioner Curtis Johnson, Jr., seconded by Commissioner Arnold Gaines to approve item 11g of the Consent Agenda.

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

Passed

Motion was made by Commissioner Curtis Johnson, Jr., seconded by Commissioner Michael Broderick to approve item 11h of the Consent Agenda.

AYE: Commissioner Michael Broderick, Commissioner Arnold Gaines, Commissioner Curtis Johnson, Jr., Commissioner Jeremiah Johnson, 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 24-041 - Impact Fee Moratorium within Urban Infill and Redevelopment Area. FIRST READING.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 24-041

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF FORT

PIERCE, FLORIDA; PROVIDING FOR A MORATORIUM ON THE IMPOSITION AND COLLECTION OF CITY IMPACT FEES FOR A PERIOD OF ONE (1) YEAR WITHIN THE BOUNDARIES OF THE CITY'S DESIGNATED URBAN INFILL AND REDEVELOPMENT AREA REQUIRED BY SECTIONS 113-8, 113-15 THROUGH AND INCLUDING 113-19 OF THE CITY CODE; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS THEREOF IN CONFLICT HEREWITH; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. FIRST READING

Shyanne Harnage, CRA Administrator, provided an update on the impact fee moratorium within urban infill and redevelopment areas.

The Commission commented on the success of the program, inclusion and partnerships with the County, the Treasure Coast Building Association, impact fees, and market rate housing,

Mayor Hudson opened the public hearing.  
Seeing no one, she closed the public hearing.

Motion was made by Commissioner Michael Broderick, seconded by Commissioner Jeremiah Johnson to approve Ordinance No. 24-041.

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

Passed

### 13. CITY COMMISSION

- a. Resolution 24-R51 appointing members to serve on the Communitywide Council.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 24-R51

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF FORT PIERCE, FLORIDA, CERTIFYING THE APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO THE COMMUNITYWIDE COUNCIL; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Motion was made by Commissioner Arnold Gaines, seconded by Commissioner Curtis Johnson, Jr. to approve Resolution No. 24-R51 appointing Wesley Sands Jr., Ella Hodge-Wimes, and Betty Jo Starke.

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

Passed

- b. Resolution 24-R55 appointing members to serve on the Civil Service Appeals Board.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 24-R55**

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

Acting City Manager, Linda Cox commented that a clear vote is required for the term lengths.

Motion was made by Commissioner Arnold Gaines, seconded by Commissioner Michael Broderick to approve Resolution 24-R55 appointing David Hewitt with a two-year term regular seat, April Nixon with a two-year term and an alternate seat, Thora A. Moore with a one-year term regular seat, and James E Lilly with a one-year term and an alternate seat.

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

Passed

**14. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**

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No comments

**15. COMMENTS FROM THE CITY MANAGER****a. Report**

Acting City Manager, Linda Cox provided an update on storm debris cleanup, impacts to city facilities, Brightline, City Government Week and the chili cook off.

Records Management Coordinator, Tina Rel - No comments

City Attorney, Sara Hedges - No comments

**16. COMMENTS FROM THE COMMISSION**

Commissioner Gaines commented on public works hard work cleaning up after the storm.

Commissioner Broderick commented on the meeting with Brian Mast.

Commissioner Curtis Johnson commented on debris pick up, requested an estimation of the clean up timeline, and communication with the public on clean up, election season and thanked public works for speedy clean up of an early morning garbage spill.

Commissioner Jeremiah Johnson thanked public works and the first responders, commented on the new street sweeper, and that the City is working for the people.

Mayor Hudson commented on a job well done by public works, touring Spanish Lakes, and early voting.

**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.

Mayor Hudson adjourned the meeting at 6:27 p.m.

ATTEST:

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CITY CLERK

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MAYOR COMMISSIONER