



CITY OF LIGHTHOUSE POINT, FLORIDA
REGULAR CITY COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
April 25, 2017 – 6:30 P.M.

The City Commission meeting was held in Fletcher Hall located at 2200 N.E. 38 Street, Lighthouse Point, Florida 33064.

Commission Vice President Joffe thanked Pastor Gabe Wright for her assistance in the most recent municipal election. The sanctuary was used for three polling places.

Invocation

Invocation was given by Pastor Gabe Wright, Trinity United Methodist Church

Call to Order

Commission Vice President Joffe called the regular City Commission meeting for the City of Lighthouse Point, Florida, to order at 6:30 p.m.

Pledge to the Flag

Roll Call

Mayor Glenn Troast	City Clerk Jennifer M. Oh
Commission President Sandy Johnson - absent	Finance Director Frank DiPaolo
Commission Vice President Jason D. Joffe	Fire Chief David Donzella
Commissioner Michael S. Long	Library Director Christy Keyes - absent
Commissioner Earl Maucker	Police Chief Ross Licata
Commissioner Kyle Van Buskirk	Public Works Director Charles Schramm - absent
City Administrator John D. Lavisky	Recreation Director Becky Lysengen
City Attorney Michael D. Cirullo, Jr.	

Approval of Minutes

A **motion** to approve the City Commission Minutes of the Regular Meeting of April 11, 2017 was made by Commissioner Long, seconded by Commissioner Maucker, and CARRIED 4:0:1 as follows:

Yes: Commissioners Long, Maucker, Van Buskirk, and Joffe

Absent: Commissioner Johnson

Treasurer's Report

City Administrator Lavisky read the Treasurer's Report for the period ending April 25, 2017.

Public Comments and Requests Regarding Agenda Items

Everett Marshall, Lighthouse Point resident, discussed temporary signs.

Leo Bentz, Lighthouse Point resident, asked if the City Commissioners received an email that he had sent.

Reports of City Administration Department Reports

City Administrator Lavisky provided an update on the Post Office and reported that the United States Postal Service representative said it will remain in Lighthouse Point.

Reports of City Attorney

Reports of Standing Committees

Boards: Next Meetings:

- Planning & Zoning – May 2, 2017
- Code Enforcement – May 16, 2017
- Community Appearance – May 18, 2017
- Special Magistrate – May 3, 2017
- Marine Advisory – May 4, 2017

Unfinished Business: None

New Business:

1. Presentation and consideration of the Annual Financial Audit for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2016, prepared by the Finance Department and audited by the firm of Keefe, McCullough and Company, LLP.

Finance Director DiPaolo provided a brief overview of the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2016.

Discussion ensued regarding the Defined Benefit Pension Plan funding status and the net pension liability percentage, and the City's minimum contingency policy, and whether the calculation was still sufficient. Consensus of the City Commission was for Finance Director DiPaolo to provide some recommendations related to the minimum contingency policy at the budget workshop.

A **motion** to accept the report as presented by Finance Director DiPaolo, was made by Commissioner Long, seconded by Commissioner Maucker, and CARRIED 4:0:1 as follows:
Yes: Commissioners Long, Maucker, Van Buskirk, and Joffe
Absent: Commissioner Johnson

2. Discussion regarding the status of Local Contribution Funds for the 2016 Surtax Education Effort.

Mayor Troast stated that Commissioner Johnson communicated that she would like for the funds to be returned to the municipalities.

A **motion** to distribute the remaining funds back to the municipalities, was made by Commissioner Long, seconded by Commissioner Van Buskirk, and CARRIED 4:0:1 as follows:
Yes: Commissioners Long, Maucker, Van Buskirk, and Joffe
Absent: Commissioner Johnson

3. Discussion and possible direction on Temporary Signs.

Discussion ensued regarding temporary signs. The following topics were discussed: changing the number of signs permitted in residential zoning districts (from 3 signs to 2 signs), changing the amount of time (from 60 days to 30 days) permitted for placement of signs constructed of paper, cardboard, wood or plastic, and the enforcement section of the current Code.

Consensus of the City Commission was for City Attorney Cirullo to research these items and report back to the City Commission at the May 9th City Commission Meeting.

Ordinances:

4. Second reading and public hearing of an ordinance establishing a gift acceptance policy. Advertised in the Sun Sentinel on April 15, 2017.

A **motion** to read the title of the ordinance was made by Commissioner Maucker, seconded by Commissioner Van Buskirk, and CARRIED unanimously. City Attorney Cirullo read the title of the ordinance.

The public hearing was opened. Alberto Jordat, Lighthouse Point resident, discussed including the definition of gifts in the ordinance.

No one else having come forward, the public hearing was then closed.

Commissioner Long still does not support the ordinance as is, and asked for additional language to be added at a later date, including the definition of gifts. Consensus of the City Commission was to pass the ordinance as is, and possibly add additional language at a later date. Mayor Troast added a small amendment to Section 2-164(C) "Gifts valued at \$20,000 or more shall may..."

A **motion** to approve the ordinance as amended establishing a gift acceptance policy on second and final reading, was made by Commissioner Van Buskirk, seconded by Commissioner Maucker, and CARRIED 3:1:1 as follows:
Yes: Commissioners Maucker, Van Buskirk and Joffe
Absent: Commissioner Johnson
No: Commissioner Long

The ordinance on second and final reading carries the following title:

ORDINANCE 2017 – 0946

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LIGHTHOUSE POINT, FLORIDA, AMENDING CHAPTER 2, “ADMINISTRATION”, ARTICLE VI, “FINANCE”, DIVISION 1, “GENERALLY”, TO CREATE A NEW SECTION 2-164 TO BE ENTITLED “GIFTS TO CITY” TO PROVIDE FOR A PROCESS OF ACCEPTING GIFTS BY THE CITY; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICT; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Resolutions:

5. Resolution disbanding the ICMA Pension Trustee Board.

City Attorney Cirullo addressed two errors in the Resolution. He recommended removing “Repealing Resolution 681” from the title of the resolution as well as from the last Whereas clause. We are not repealing Resolution 681; we are requesting to disband the ICMA Pension Trustee Board.

A **motion** to read the title of the resolution as amended was made by Commissioner Maucker, seconded by Commissioner Van Buskirk, and CARRIED unanimously. City Attorney Cirullo read the title of the resolution.

Commissioner Van Buskirk asked if the City provided a self-directed option for the pension plan. Mayor Troast asked for some additional information about a self-directed option.

A **motion** to approve the resolution as amended disbanding the ICMA Pension Trustee Board was made by Commissioner Maucker, seconded by Commissioner Van Buskirk, and CARRIED 4:0:1 as follows:

Yes: Commissioners Long, Maucker, Van Buskirk, and Joffe

Absent: Commissioner Johnson

The resolution as adopted carries the following title:

RESOLUTION NO. 2017 – 2125

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LIGHTHOUSE POINT DISBANDING THE ICMA PENSION TRUSTEE BOARD; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS, SEVERABILITY, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

6. Resolution urging the United States Postal Service to do all things possible and necessary to continue to operate a Post Office within the City of Lighthouse Point.

A **motion** to read the title of the resolution was made by Commissioner Long, seconded by Commissioner Maucker, and CARRIED unanimously. City Attorney Cirullo read the title of the resolution.

A **motion** to approve the resolution urging the United State Postal Service to do all things possible and necessary to continue to operate a Post Office within the City of Lighthouse Point was made by Commissioner Van Buskirk, seconded by Commissioner Long, and CARRIED 4:0:1 as follows:
Yes: Commissioners Long, Maucker, Van Buskirk, and Joffe
Absent: Commissioner Johnson

The resolution as adopted carries the following title:

RESOLUTION NO. 2017 – 2126

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LIGHTHOUSE POINT, FLORIDA, URGING THE UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE TO DO ALL THINGS POSSIBLE AND NECESSARY TO CONTINUE TO OPERATE A POST OFFICE WITHIN THE CITY OF LIGHTHOUSE POINT AS MAY BE REQUIRED DUE TO THE CLOSURE OF THE CURRENT LIGHTHOUSE POINT POST OFFICE LOCATED AT 2091 NE 36TH STREET; AUTHORIZING THE CITY ADMINISTRATION TO WORK WITH THE UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE AND ASSIST AS NEEDED TO FACILITATE THE LOCATION OF A NEW POST OFFICE WITHIN THE CITY OF LIGHTHOUSE POINT; PROVIDING FOR COPIES OF THIS RESOLUTION TO BE SENT TO CONGRESSMAN TED DEUTCH, SENATORS MARCO RUBIO AND BILL NELSON, THE POST MASTER GENERAL AND THE VICE PRESIDENT FOR AREA OPERATIONS FOR THE SOUTHERN AREA FOR THE UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE, AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Public Requests from the Floor:

Leo Bentz, Lighthouse Point resident, asked how the figure of \$2.5 million dollars was established for the operating contingency for Fiscal Year 15-16. City Administrator Lavisky said that amount was established after evaluating the recovery costs related to Hurricane Wilma. Finance Director DiPaolo added that it is an amount assigned by the Mayor. Mayor Troast said that he may recommend changes for the upcoming budget.

Jan Nouss, Lighthouse Point resident, spoke in favor of tightening up the Code on temporary signs including enforcement.

Alberto Jordat, Lighthouse Point resident, asked if the temporary signs were a real issue, or if we are revisiting the issue due to a nasty election that just took place.

Communications:

Commissioner Long said that the enforcement of signs is an issue and should be addressed. He also inquired about the barricades along NE 44th Street. Mayor Troast said that he received several complaints about parking problems. Residents from the condominiums were parking and blocking the residential driveways, and residents could not get their cars out of their driveways. The Police Department put up temporary barricades to discourage parking in front yards.

Commissioner Van Buskirk inquired about when the Planning and Zoning Board would discuss artificial turf. Mayor Troast said it is on the May 2nd agenda. Commissioner Van Buskirk also commended those who participated in the Torch Run.

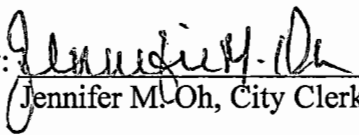
Mayor Troast said that there have been some great events at the parks. He said that Commissioner Johnson apologizes for her absence tonight, as she had an obligation to attend a meeting for the MPO.

Commissioner Joffe announced that he had just received a check from Lou and Patty Petrone in the amount of \$44,619 in profits for the 27th Nautical Flea Market. They asked that Lighthouse Point employees Elizabeth Barnette, Tanya Gardner, and Bert Kelly, and Lighthouse Point resident and volunteer Ed Antonelli be recognized for their hard work with the Nautical Flea Market

Adjournment: There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:38 p.m.

ATTESTED

APPROVED

By: 
Jennifer M. Oh, City Clerk

By: 
Sandy Johnson, Commission President

