



CITY OF LIGHTHOUSE POINT, FLORIDA
REGULAR CITY COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
November 28, 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.

Invocation

Invocation was given by Mayor Glenn Troast

Call to Order

Commission President Johnson 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	Finance Director Frank DiPaolo
Commission Vice President Jason D. Joffe	Interim Fire Chief Shawn Gilmartin
Commissioner Michael S. Long	Library Director Christy Keyes
Commissioner Earl Maucker	Police Cmdr. Jack Vaccaro
Commissioner Kyle Van Buskirk	Recreation Director Becky Lysengen
City Administrator John D. Lavisky	Public Works Director Charles Schramm
City Attorney Michael D. Cirullo, Jr.	

Proclamation – Lighthouse Point/ Pompano Beach Holiday Boat Parade

Approval of Minutes

A **motion** to approve the City Commission Minutes of the Regular Meeting of November 14, 2017 was made by Commissioner Joffe, seconded by Commissioner Van Buskirk, and CARRIED 5:0 as follows:

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

Treasurer's Report

Finance Director DiPaolo read the Treasurer's Report for the period ending November 28, 2017.

Commissioner Joffe inquired about an open purchase order for Witt O'Brien. City Administrator Lavisky explained that the City has had an agreement with Witt O'Brien for storm debris monitoring for six years, and the agreement will expire in 2018. The City will go out to bid at that time, and a new contractor will be selected.

Commissioner Van Buskirk inquired about an open purchase order for Greensource Landscape and Sports Turf. Finance Director DiPaolo explained that this is the company that the City uses to maintain the sports turf in the parks.

Public Comments and Requests Regarding Agenda Items Reports of City Administration

Mayor Troast provided a report about a Public Information Workshop regarding the proposed replacement of Bridge No. 867202 located on NE 23rd Avenue/Lighthouse Drive between NE 29th Street and NE 30th Street (Ibis Bridge.) The Workshop will be held at Dixon Ahl Hall on Thursday, January 11, 2018 from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Staff members will be available from the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) to answer questions about the project.

Department Reports

Interim Fire Chief Gilmartin reminded everyone about Breakfast with Santa on Saturday, December 9th from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon at the Fire Station.

Reports of City Attorney

Reports of Standing Committees

Boards: Next Meetings:	Planning & Zoning – December 5, 2017
	Code Enforcement – December 19, 2017
	Community Appearance – January 18, 2018
	Special Magistrate – December 6, 2017
	Marine Advisory – February 1, 2018

Unfinished Business: None

New Business: None

Ordinances: None

Resolutions:

1. Resolution declaring intent to utilize lease purchase financing for the purchase of a vehicle for the Police Department
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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 declaring intent to utilize lease purchase financing for the purchase of a vehicle for the Police Department was made by Commissioner Long, seconded by Commissioner Maucker, and CARRIED 5:0 as follows:

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

The resolution as adopted carries the following title:

RESOLUTION NO. 2017 - 2169

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LIGHTHOUSE POINT, FLORIDA, ESTABLISHING ITS INTENT TO PROVIDE FOR THE REIMBURSEMENT OF CERTAIN CAPITAL EXPENDITURES APPROVED IN THE FISCAL YEAR 2017-18 BUDGET WITH PROCEEDS OF FUTURE TAX-EXEMPT FINANCING; PROVIDING CERTAIN OTHER MATTERS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS, SEVERABILITY, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Public Comments and Requests from the Floor:

George Kassis, resident, suggested that the City have a forum to discuss term limits so that the community can decide whether or not to put the item on the ballot.

Commissioner Maucker said that he is still opposed to term limits and changing the election cycle. After some reflection, he has decided that the residents should have the opportunity to discuss this topic further.

Commissioner Joffe suggested holding another workshop or two to discuss additional issues that were presented at the October 10th Workshop.

Matt Donoghue, resident, said that the City Commission should listen to the voice of the residents to see what the majority of them want. He also recommended implementing a code review committee.

Jennifer Laurence, resident, also agreed that term limits should be further discussed and that the City should hold a planning or focus group. She also commented on speeding throughout the City. She asked for an update on a resident who is "living off the grid." She also discussed being proactive with safety issues at Dan Witt Park, as there has been a lot of rough play with older kids who are not residents and arrive to the park in white vans.

Susanne Citere, resident, was in favor of term limits and said that the voters should decide.

Alberto Jordat, resident, discussed term limits and was in favor of allowing the residents to decide.

Paul Wiggins, resident, suggested allowing resident input so the public can be able to review and discuss term limits. He inquired about the Hero's Memorial. Mayor Troast said that the bricks have been installed and the flag pole should be installed this week.

Leo Bentz, resident, provided some information about the bridge repair performed by Trio Development Corporation. City Attorney Cirullo explained that the City has submitted claims to our insurance carrier and no response has been received at this time. A separate claim has been sent to Broward County, which is also pending a response. Mayor Troast assured the City Commission that the City Attorney has been working diligently on this issue.

Communications:

Commissioner Long announced that Lighthouse A'Glow is on December 6th at 6:30 p.m. at Frank McDonough Park. He suggested revisiting the idea of creating a Visioning Committee, which would allow for public input on issues.

Commissioner Maucker said that the quality of work and materials used for the Hero's Memorial is exceptional. He said that it will be a source of pride for the City. He also thanked City Administrator Lavisky and Code Enforcement Supervisor Toni Palmieri for sitting down with him to discuss his concerns with code enforcement issues.

Commissioner Joffe inquired about a paving plan. Public Works Director Schramm said that he is working on a paving plan, and is coordinating a meeting with the City Engineer to discuss further.

Commissioner Joffe complimented the work performed for the reuse project in the south end of the City. Commissioner Long asked if the temporary rough patching would be addressed. Public Works Director Schramm said that the entire road will eventually be repaved.

Commissioner Joffe inquired about traffic issues on Lighthouse Drive due to work being done on the lift station. Public Works Director Schramm said that Broward County is replacing a section of force main. He added that there may have been some traffic confusion. Commissioner Van Buskirk said that the original compaction was very poor, which could be hazardous to cars driving in the area. Public Works Director Schramm has spoken with the contractor about this issue.

Commissioner Joffe inquired about the available funds in the Mary Barker Fund for the Library. Mayor Troast confirmed that the ordinance does not state that all of the available funds should be spent by the end of the year. City Attorney Cirullo confirmed that his interpretation of the ordinance also does not indicate that all of the funds are to be spent.

Commissioner Joffe discussed revisiting implementing term limits, and suggested holding another workshop or two to allow for resident input.

Commissioner Van Buskirk asked for an update on the sewer rehabilitation project. Public Works Director Schramm said that this is a very expensive project, and that there may be some budget issues with the County. He added that upcoming meetings have been cancelled until the project is revived. Commissioner Van Buskirk announced that today is Giving Tuesday and suggested helping the Friends of the Library by donating to the organization for all that they do. He also asked that the City Commission bring back election matters for further discussion.

Commissioner Maucker is in favor of asking the residents to weigh in on implementing term limits, but said that the discussion does have to be narrowly focused.

Commissioner Johnson said that we have a narrow viewpoint from the few people who attend meetings and doesn't necessarily give us a cross-section on any subject on how the City is feeling. She recommended keeping comments on social media clean and to stick to the issues. She said that all of the City Commissioners are available by telephone or by email and encouraged residents to reach out to them.

Consensus of the City Commission was to include an item on the January 9th Agenda for additional discussion regarding term limits and length of terms, which will be open to the public for input.

Mayor Troast provided an update on Exchange Club Park. He has spoken with City of Pompano Beach Mayor Lamar Fisher several times. Mayor Fisher was not aware of the additional landscape maintenance at the park. City Administrator Lavisky has also been discussing maintenance alternatives with the City of Pompano Beach staff. For now, the City will continue to maintain what we have maintained historically and have budgeted for.

Mayor Troast announced that Lighthouse A'Glow is on December 6th and that the Boy Scouts will be there and the Heroes Shrine will be well-lit that night. He also suggested holding at least two more workshops to discuss 1) recreation infrastructure and public works infrastructure and 2) estimated costs and reviewing a design plan for a new fire station.

Adjournment: There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 7:48 p.m.

ATTESTED

APPROVED

By: Jennifer M. Oh
Jennifer M. Oh, City Clerk

By: Sandy Johnson
Sandy Johnson, Commission President

