

**THE CITY OF WEST PARK**  
**CITY COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES**  
**MARCH 2, 2016**  
**7:00 p.m.**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The **Regular Meeting** of the City Commission of the City of West Park was held in the Commission Chamber, 1965 South State Road 7, West Park, Florida on **Wednesday, March 2, 2016**. Mayor Jones called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**2. ROLL CALL**

The city clerk called the roll. The following were present: Mayor Eric Jones, Vice Mayor Mack, and Commissioners Thomas Dorsett, Brian Johnson, and Kristine Judeikis.

Also present were: W. Ajibola Balogun, City Manager; Burnadette Norris-Weeks, City Attorney; Christopher Wallace, Finance Director; Lavelle Jenrette, Assistant to the City Manager; Wiener Chalvire, Permit and Accounts Analyst; Carol Aubrun, Programs and Services Manager; Dan Millien, Public Works Superintendent; Chief Danzell Brooks, Police Department; Chief Michael Kane, Fire Department; Richard Cannone, Planning Department; Maritza Prebal, Supervisor of Administrative Services; Gia Lagana, Administrative Assistant; and Alexandra Grant, City Clerk.

**3. INVOCATION**

Mayor Jones led everyone present in the invocation.

**4. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mayor Jones led all present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**5. PRESENTATIONS**

**1. Consolidated Communication Systems**

Mayor Jones deferred to Staff for this presentation.

Mr. Alphonso Jefferson, of Broward County, gave a brief update on the Regional Consolidated Communications emergency dispatch system approved by the I-Board and 4C Committee which was adopted by the Broward County Commission in January, 2013.

Mr. Balogun stated this presentation was given as a response to recent correspondence received from the Mayor of Sunrise pertaining to this matter.

**2. Redefining Transit Oriented Corridor Boundary and Codification of Guidelines**

Mayor Jones deferred to Staff.

Mr. Richard Cannone, and Mr. Gianni Feoli of the Planning Department, gave a PowerPoint presentation explaining current features and limitations of the SR 7/441 Transit Oriented Corridor in relation to the expansion of State Road 7; he also presented Staff's proposed plans and rationale for expansion of the northern half of the TOC between Hallandale Beach Boulevard and Pembroke Road. Mr. Feoli requested approval from the Commission on these proposed expansion plans so Staff could proceed with moving toward an adoption process later in the year.

### **3. Recognition of 2015 Small Business Grant Recipients**

Mr. Balogun stated that in September, 2015, the City awarded three \$5,000 grants each to three small businesses the City. The Mayor and City Commission presented ceremonial checks to the three business owners of: IRK Upholsterers, Rapid Auto Lube, and Rose's Delight, Inc.

## **6. OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS COMMISSION**

Mayor Jones opened the Public Comments portion of the meeting.

Ms. Franceszka Rosso, executive secretary to State Representative Shevrin Jones, read aloud a statement from Representative Jones addressing residents of the City, expressing his support concerning a recent community kickball event at Mary Saunders Park.

Ms. Sheila Strachan-Powell, 5634 SW 20 Street, asked whether the City would be billed by the law enforcement agencies for their involvement at the recent kickball event at Mary Saunders Park.

Mr. Jermaine Mitchell, 5311 SW 28 Street, voiced concern about recent events concerning a group kickball activity at Mary Saunders Park where law enforcement became involved.

Mr. Marcel Robeson, 4808 SW 18 Street, voiced concern about the handling of a recent kickball event at Mary Saunders Park.

Pastor Joey Foster voiced concern on behalf of residents with regard to the leadership of the City and expressed their desire for their voices and suggestions to be heard when it comes to City matters.

Mr. Ian Henderson, 1052 NW 84 Avenue, Plantation, voiced concern about the need for more programs that benefit youth in the community and spoke of his interest in establishing his non profit youth program in the West Park.

Ms. Barnes, 4720 SW 20 Street, asked whether a public awareness meeting would be held with residents with regard to proposed expansion plans for the Transit Oriented Corridor. Mayor Jones stated that these proposed plans were in the infancy stage and that residents would have opportunities to learn more in the future.

Mr. Marcus Cooper, 4631 SW 22 Street, asked whether he could have a future opportunity to discuss his concerns with more time than that allowed during public comments at the meeting.

Mr. Ken Barfield, a former resident of the City), voiced concern about the fact that many youth programs involving City residents have been held in the City of Hollywood instead of West Park.

Dr. Katrina Touchstone, 4821 SW 20 Street, read aloud a statement of concern related to the presence of law enforcement at a recent kickball event held at Mary Saunders Park along with a list of

requests concerning special event requirements.

Mayor Jones commented on the impact and disturbance the recent kickball event had on other residents in the City. He stated that policies and procedures of the City were discussed at the City Commission meetings and said residents needed to attend meetings to keep abreast of City matters. He stated that City officials and law enforcement responded after receiving complaints from residents about their streets and driveways being blocked by vehicles. He stressed that City officials had no problem with community events and games being held at the parks; however the City gets involved when events create disturbance. He stated that if proper City procedures had been followed the event would not have created this disturbance. He stressed that residents are welcome to make themselves available to serve and get involved in the City and its governmental processes.

Mr. Balogun stated that Staff would follow up with residents to set up a future meeting.

Commissioner Johnson requested a copy of the list of suggestions for special events provided by Ms. Touchstone. He also requested that the Commission review the City's parks policies to see if any input can be provided where necessary.

In response to a resident's previous comment, Mr. Balogun clarified that the intent of the proposed expansion of the Transit Oriented Corridor was actually to make property values go up and not to push any businesses out.

Mayor Jones closed the Public Comments portion of the meeting.

## **7. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

### **1. January 20, 2016 – Regular Meeting**

**A motion was made by Commissioner Judeikis, and seconded by Commissioner Johnson, to approve the January 20, 2016 Regular Meeting Minutes.**

**Mayor Jones asked for a roll call vote. In a roll call vote, all voted in favor.**

## **8. RESOLUTIONS – CONSENT ITEMS**

**A motion was made by Commissioner Judeikis, and seconded by Commissioner Johnson, to approve the Consent Agenda.**

**Mayor Jones asked for a roll call vote. In a roll call vote, all voted in favor and the following actions were taken:**

- 1. ADOPTED RESOLUTION 2016-17: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF WEST PARK, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY ADMINISTRATOR TO EXECUTE THE ATTACHED AGREEMENT REGARDING THE BROWARD REDEVELOPMENT PROGRAM FOR FUNDING OF THE CITY'S COMPLETE STREET IMPROVEMENT PROJECT ON BARACK OBAMA BOULEVARD (SW 40<sup>TH</sup> AVENUE); PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE**

2. **ADOPTED RESOLUTION 2016-18:** A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF WEST PARK, FLORIDA, ADOPTING THE CITY OF WEST PARK'S 2016 FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE PRIORITY LIST ATTACHED HERETO; AUTHORIZING THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR TO TAKE NECESSARY ACTION TO CARRY OUT THE AIMS OF THIS RESOLUTION; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE
  
3. **ADOPTED RESOLUTION 2016-19:** A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WEST PARK, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING CITY STAFF TO PREPARE ALL NECESSARY DOCUMENTS; SCHEDULE PUBLIC WORKSHOPS AND HEARINGS AND COORDINATE WITH BROWARD COUNTY FOR PROPOSED FUTURE EXPANSION OF THE TRANSIT ORIENTED CORRIDOR ZONING DISTRICT; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

**9. ORDINANCES: FIRST READING**

1. The City Clerk read the following ordinance title into the record:  
 AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WEST PARK, FLORIDA AMENDING PART II, CHAPTER 28, ARTICLE II, ENTITLED VARIANCES AND SPECIAL EXCEPTIONS TO CREATE SECTION 28-37 ENTITLED "DURATION OF SPECIAL EXCEPTIONS"; PROVIDING FOR ADOPTION OF REPRESENTATIONS; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICT AND REPEALER; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR INCLUSION IN CODE; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE  
*Ordinance 2016-01*

**A motion was made by Commissioner Judeikis, and seconded by Vice Mayor Mack, to approve.**

**Mayor Jones asked for a roll call vote. In a roll call vote, all voted in favor.**

2. The City Clerk read the following ordinance title into the record:  
 AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WEST PARK, FLORIDA AMENDING PART II, CHAPTER 42, ARTICLE VII, SECTION 42-421 (b) ENTITLED "PERMITTED FACILITIES" REQUIRING ALL WIRELESS COMMUNICATION FACILITIES WITHIN THE CITY OF WEST PARK TO BE STEATH FACILITIES; PROVIDING FOR ADOPTION OF REPRESENTATIONS; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICT AND REPEALER; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR INCLUSION IN CODE; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE  
*Ordinance 2016-02*

**A motion was made by Commissioner Judeikis, and seconded by Vice Mayor Mack, to approve.**

**Mayor Jones asked for a roll call vote. In a roll call vote, all voted in favor.**

**10. CITY MANAGER’S REPORT – W. Ajibola Balogun**

**A. Status/Updates:**

**i. Update on Resurfacing of County Line Road from SW 48 Avenue to SW 56 Avenue**

Mr. Balogun gave a brief update about the resurfacing of County Line Road from SW 48 Avenue to SW 56 Avenue and advised that a draft funding agreement was in progress with Broward County for these improvements.

(Supplemental materials for this item were submitted and are filed with the records of this meeting).

**ii. Update on Small Business Grant Program**

Mr. Balogun advised that Staff was going through the process to possibly award five \$5,000 grants this year to invest in small businesses in the City. He stated that a draft copy of the Small Business Grant application was included in the agenda packet and asked for input or suggestions from the City Commission.

Commissioner Johnson suggested that the application consider preferences in selection and state preferences for designated locations in the event of a tie between potential applicants, in order to stimulate businesses in designated areas. Additionally, he recommended that the application process include a cure period so applicants can rectify any problems with their submissions and not be disqualified for any technicalities.

(Supplemental materials for this item were submitted and are filed with the records of this meeting).

**iii. Update on Broward Redevelopment Program – 2013 Property Acquisition Funding**

Mr. Balogun gave an update on the funding application the City submitted to the County as part of the Broward Redevelopment Program, pertaining to the old post office site. He stated that this no longer appeared to be a potential site for the City to develop as the property owner does not appear to be interested in selling the site to the City.

(Supplemental materials for this item were submitted and are filed with the records of this meeting).

**iv. Proposed Supermarket Development In The City**

Mr. Balogun presented proposed plans for the development of a Bravo Supermarket on the lot on the corner of SW 40 Avenue and County Line Road.

(Supplemental materials for this item were submitted and are filed with the records of this meeting).

**v. Florida Retirement System Issue**

Mr. Balogun deferred to Christopher Wallace, Finance Director.

Mr. Wallace gave a brief explanation concerning the City's participation in the Florida Retirement System.

(Supplemental materials for this item were submitted and are filed with the records of this meeting).

**vi. Request to Designate a Portion of SW 23 Street as Mayor Eric H. Jones Street**

Mr. Balogun advised that earlier that day he was asked by State Representative Shevrin Jones to present a tribute to the City Commission requesting that a portion of SW 23<sup>rd</sup> Street be designated as Mayor Eric J. Jones Street, in recognition of his accomplishment of being elected as the first mayor of West Park and his ten years of service to the City.

(Supplemental materials for this item were submitted and are filed with the records of this meeting).

**11. NEW BUSINESS**

**12. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

**A motion was made by Commissioner Johnson, and seconded by Commissioner Judeikis to place a review of City Parks and Recreation policies on the next agenda.**

**Mayor Jones asked for a roll call vote. In a roll call vote, all voted in favor.**

**13. FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER & COMMISSIONER COMMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Commissioner Judeikis spoke of the recent passing of William Daniel Meyer, Sr., a long time resident of the City who was responsible for building many of the houses in the City, and his involvement in many community organizations. She requested that the Commission consider a way to honor him for his contributions to the City.

Commissioner Johnson stated that builders from the Carver Ranches area were honored at a recent event. He asked that the Commission recognize the work resident Cynthia Strachan-Saunders was doing in documenting the history of the City. He requested a commendation for Ms. Strachan Saunders for her work on behalf of the City.

Vice Mayor Mack stated that she hoped the City would support the group that voiced concern about the recent kickball event at Mary Saunders Park.

**14. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before this Body, the meeting adjourned at 9:07 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted By:

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Alexandra Grant, City Clerk

Approved at the \_\_\_\_\_ City Commission Meeting

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Eric H. Jones, Mayor