

**THE CITY OF WEST PARK
CITY COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
MARCH 16, 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 16, 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. Legislative Update – Representative Shevrin Jones

This item was deferred until the arrival of Representative Jones.

6. OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS COMMISSION

Mayor Jones opened the Public Comments portion of the meeting.

Ms. Christine Stepian, Secretary of the Lake Forest HOA, commented on the agenda item concerning the proposed co-naming of SW 23 Street as *Mayor Eric H. Jones Street* and asked whether the timing was proper as the mayor was still sitting in office. Mayor Jones stated he had not been

involved in the initiation of this request.

Mr. James Sparks, 5300 SW 23 Street, spoke in favor of the proposed co-naming of SW 23 Street as *Mayor Eric H. Jones Street* and said several residents supported this as well.

Mayor Jones closed the Public Comments portion of the meeting.

7. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. February 17, 2016 – Regular Meeting

A motion was made by Commissioner Judeikis, and seconded by Commissioner Dorsett, to approve the February 17, 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 Johnson, and seconded by Commissioner Judeikis, to pull Items 3 and 5 for discussion, and approve items 1, 2, and 4 of 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 2016-21:** A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF WEST PARK, FLORIDA, RATIFYING EXECUTION OF THE SECOND AMENDMENT TO THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF WEST PARK AND BROWARD COUNTY FOR FUNDING AND ADMINISTRATION OF THE 40th YEAR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM, FOR COMPLETE STREET IMPROVEMENTS TO SW 40TH AVENUE; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.
2. **ADOPTED RESOLUTION 2016-22:** A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF WEST PARK, FLORIDA, RATIFYING EXECUTION OF THE SECOND AMENDMENT TO THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF WEST PARK AND BROWARD COUNTY FOR FUNDING AND ADMINISTRATION OF THE 40th YEAR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM, FOR TRAFFIC CALMING IMPROVEMENTS TO SW 20TH STREET AND SW 57TH AVENUE IMPROVEMENTS PHASE I; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.
3. **ADOPTED RESOLUTION 2016-24:** A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF WEST PARK, FLORIDA, APPOINTING MARY BAPTY TO THE TWIN LAKES WATER CONTROL DISTRICT ADVISORY BOARD; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE

ITEM 8-3: DISCUSSION

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF WEST PARK, FLORIDA, APPROVING THE DUAL DESIGNATION NAMING OF SW 23rd STREET FROM SW 40TH AVENUE TO SW 56TH STREET WITHIN THE MUNICIPAL BOUNDARIES OF THE CITY OF WEST PARK, TO “MAYOR ERIC H. JONES, JR. STREET”, AS MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED IN EXHIBIT "A" ATTACHED HERETO; AUTHORIZING THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR TO TAKE NECESSARY AND EXPEDIENT ACTION; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Resolution 2016-23

Commissioner Johnson voiced concern about the process and said he would prefer to vote on the street naming policy first (Item 8-5 on the agenda), then take action on this item.

A motion was made by Commissioner Johnson, and seconded by Commissioner Judeikis, to defer voting on Item 3 until action was taken on the street renaming policy resolution.

Mayor Jones asked for a roll call vote. In a roll call vote, the vote was as follows:

Commissioner Dorsett:	No
Commissioner Johnson:	Yes
Commissioner Judeikis:	Yes
Vice Mayor Mack:	No
Mayor Jones:	No

(Motion failed.)

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

Mayor Jones asked for a roll call vote. In a roll call vote, the vote was as follows:

Commissioner Dorsett:	Yes
Commissioner Johnson:	No
Commissioner Judeikis:	No
Vice Mayor Mack:	Yes
Mayor Jones:	Yes

(Motion passed 3-2.)

Commissioner Johnson requested that the previous item be reconsidered as he felt the vote should be unanimously in favor. He stated that his concern was not with the street naming itself, but with the process of voting on this item while setting the policy at the same time.

Commissioner Judeikis said the only reason she was concerned was because of the timing of voting on the street renaming and the City’s policy at the same time.

Commissioner Dorsett said he did not believe people should have to be deceased in order to be honored for their work and efforts.

Commissioner Johnson clarified that he had no disagreement with the street renaming in honor of Mayor Jones, but rather with the process; however, he did not wish for this item to reflect

anything but a unanimous vote in favor and said he wished to reconsider the motion.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dorsett, and seconded by Commissioner Judeikis, to reconsider the motion for Item 8-3.

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

ITEM 8-5: DISCUSSION

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF WEST PARK, FLORIDA ESTABLISHING A POLICY FOR THE NAMING AND RENAMING OF STREET AND PUBLIC FACILITIES; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Resolution 2016-25

Commissioner Johnson voiced concern about the proposed policy and requested that the following revisions to the policy be considered:

1. Include language concerning eligibility criteria
2. Provide for involvement of the community or review committee
3. Provide for input from affected homeowners
4. Include a means of evaluating individuals in case more than one commission member is under consideration for the honor

Ms. Norris-Weeks read aloud a section of the proposed policy in the agenda backup concerning the criteria outlined.

A motion was made by Commissioner Johnson, and seconded by Commissioner Judeikis, to approve with the proposed revisions.

Mayor Jones asked for a roll call vote. In a roll call vote, the vote was as follows:

Commissioner Dorsett:	No
Commissioner Johnson:	Yes
Commissioner Judeikis:	Yes
Vice Mayor Mack:	No
Mayor Jones:	No
(Motion failed.)	

Vice Mayor Mack commented that whoever suggested the street renaming to the City Manager is a member of the community and if other residents had any concerns they should have voiced them.

Commissioner Johnson said his recommendations and additions were aimed at strengthening the policy for the future.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dorsett, and seconded by Vice Mayor Mack, to approve as is.

Mayor Jones asked for a roll call vote. In a roll call vote, the vote was as follows:

Commissioner Dorsett: Yes
Commissioner Johnson: No
Commissioner Judeikis: No
Vice Mayor Mack: Yes
Mayor Jones: Yes
(Motion passed 3-2.)

9. RESOLUTIONS – NON CONSENT: PUBLIC HEARING

1. The City Clerk read the following resolution title into the record:
A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF WEST PARK, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION FOR THE 2016-2017 LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION FUND PROGRAM GRANT TO THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION FOR THE MYCTRE PARK CULTURAL CENTER CONSTRUCTION PROJECT; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE
Resolution 2016-20

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

Mayor Jones opened the Public Hearing
Ms. Katrina Touchstone, 4821 SW 20 Street, asked whether the public was only able to address the Commission under Non Consent items. Mayor Jones responded affirmatively.
Mayor Jones closed the Public Hearing.

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

10. ORDINANCES: SECOND READING (PUBLIC HEARING)

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 Dorsett, and seconded by Vice Mayor Mack, to approve.

Mayor Jones opened the Public Hearing.
Ms. Katrina Touchstone, 4821 SW 20 Street, asked for clarification on the language within the

ordinance.

Mayor Jones closed the Public Hearing.

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 Dorsett, and seconded by Vice Mayor Mack, to approve.

Mayor Jones opened the Public Hearing.
As no one spoke, Mayor Jones closed the Public Hearing.

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

PRESENTATIONS

Representative Shevrin Jones gave a presentation covering the 2016 Legislative Session in Tallahassee. He requested an opportunity to back before the commission at a future date to present an update on the budgetary items, when Senator Braynon could attend.

Commissioner Johnson commended Representative Jones and Senator Braynon on their positive representation of West Park in Tallahassee.

Representative Jones announced that on March 26, 2016, his office would hold a *Tally in the District* event from 9 am to 2 pm at Mary Saunders Park where various state agencies would be present to help residents with various services.

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

A. Status/Updates:

- i. **Update on the Request to Florida Department of Transportation or Left Turn Signal for Northbound and Southbound SW 48 Avenue and Hallandale Beach Boulevard**

Mr. Balogun deferred to a representative of the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT), who summarized the agency’s traffic data findings as they relate

to the City's request for a left turn signal northbound and southbound SW 48 Avenue and Hallandale Beach Boulevard. He stated that the findings did not indicate the traffic volume was high enough to warrant the turn signal at this location.

Vice Mayor Mack asked that FDOT reconsider this request as she felt the signal was needed at this location.

Commissioner Judeikis voiced concern that standard numbers do not apply in the same manner as West Park is a small city. She added that there was a school on that street with children crossing at the intersection and voiced concern about the many light cycles drivers had to sit through before being able to make the left turn at this intersection.

Commissioner Johnson concurred that it was very difficult to make this left turn and stressed that the Commission is trying to be proactive and not wait for future crashes before this is addressed. He pointed out that as development increased in the City and traffic volume increased, the Commission would really appreciate this request being reconsidered.

Mayor Jones stated that a one size fits all approach is not the best in this particular scenario for West Park.

Commissioner Johnson asked whether only the number of vehicles were studied. It was stated that the number of vehicles and crashes were studied and that the agency was unaware of the lengthy wait time for single vehicles at the light.

Mr. Balogun advised that Staff would continue to work on this matter.

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

ii. Update on State Legislative Requests

Mr. Balogun indicated that an update on the City's legislative requests was included in the agenda backup. He said he would present a more detailed report when Representative Jones and Senator Braynon came to present their next legislative update.

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

iii. Certified Letter Dated March 2, 2016 from Town of Pembroke Park

Mr. Balogun indicated that a letter from the Town of Pembroke Park was included in the agenda backup and said if he saw any reason to address the concerns he would bring them before the Commission. He stated that he would yield to the Commission's recommendation.

Commissioner Dorsett said he did not think this needed to be discussed.

Commissioner Johnson expressed his concern about the position the Town of Pembroke Park was taking in light of the fact that West Park had more residences while Pembroke Park had more businesses they received revenue from, yet wanted West Park to bear more of the cost for fire and police services.

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

iv. Coordination with Jermaine Mitchell and Partners for proposed April Kickball Event

Mr. Balogun gave an update on Staff's meetings with Jermaine Mitchell and Partners regarding the proposed April kickball event and the permitting process involved. He stated that Staff and BSO personnel have provided the group with all the paperwork and information needed for consideration.

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

v. City's Earth Day Recycling Fair

Mr. Balogun deferred to Mr. Dan Millien, Public Works Superintendent.

Mr. Millien announced that the City would hold an **Earth Day Recycling and Family Fun Day Event** on Saturday, April 23, 2016 at McTyre Park. He said this event would be combined with the monthly free fresh foods distribution, and invited all present to attend.

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

vi. Update on Funding Application to the Children's Services Council (CSC) for Youth Force (Friends, Opportunities, Resources, Counseling and Education) Program

Mr. Balogun announced that the City has been recommended for consideration by the Children's Services Council to receive \$250,000 for the year round youth program at the park.

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

Mr. Balogun deferred to Chief Danzell Brooks of the police department.

Chief Brooks introduced the City's new Executive Lieutenant, Stephanie Coker. Lieutenant Coker introduced herself.

Commissioner Johnson asked that Chief Brooks convey the City's appreciation to the Sheriff's Office for maintaining the lineage in replacement leadership.

Mr. Balogun announced that the fire department was holding a *Fire Operations 101* event on Saturday, April 30, 2016 and invited the Commissioners and all present to attend.

B. Monthly Budget Report – Christopher Wallace, Finance Director

Mr. Wallace briefly presented the February, 2016 Budget Report.

12. NEW BUSINESS

1. Review of City's Parks Policy

Commissioner Johnson stated that he had requested this item on the agenda so the Commission could review and suggest recommendations to strengthen the parks policies. He stated he wished to submit his recommendations at a future date.

13. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Mack, and seconded by Commissioner Johnson, to add Partnership with the Kickball Group to the next agenda.

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

Mr. Balogun explained that he had offered the group a partnership opportunity to hold their next event in collaboration with an upcoming City event in April, where much of the expenses involved would be absorbed by the City. He stressed that the group was not forced to accept the offer.

14. FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER & COMMISSIONER COMMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

15. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before this Body, the meeting adjourned at 8:23 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted By:

Alexandra Grant, City Clerk

Approved at the _____ City Commission Meeting

Eric H. Jones, Mayor