



**CITY OF LIGHTHOUSE POINT**  
**2200 N.E. 38<sup>th</sup> STREET, LIGHTHOUSE POINT, FLORIDA 33064**  
**REGULAR CITY COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES**  
**August 23, 2011 – 7:30 p.m.**

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

**Call to Order**

Commission President Gordon called the regular City Commission meeting for the City of Lighthouse Point, Florida, to order at 7:30 p.m.

**Invocation and Pledge to the Flag**

The Invocation was given by Rabbi Tzvi Dechter, Chabad of North Broward Beaches, and was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Roll Call**

Mayor Fred Schorr (attended by phone)  
Commission President Susie E. Gordon  
Commission Vice President Michael S. Long  
Commissioner Thomas A. Hasis  
Commissioner Sandy Johnson  
Commissioner Glenn Troast  
City Administrator John D. Lavisky  
City Attorney Michael D. Cirullo

Finance Director Terry Sharp  
Fire Chief David Donzella  
Interim City Clerk Jennifer Oh  
Library Director Doreen Gauthier  
Police Commander Charles Marchitello  
Public Works Director Art Graham  
Recreation Director John Trudel

**Approval of Minutes**

A **motion** to approve the City Commission Minutes of the Regular Meeting of July 12, 2011, was made by Commissioner Hasis, seconded by Commissioner Troast, and CARRIED 5:0 as follows:

Yes: Commissioners Troast, Hasis, Johnson, Long, and Gordon

**Treasurer's Report**

City Administrator Lavisky read the Treasurer's Report for the period ending August 23, 2011.

**Reports of Standing Committees**

**Boards:** Next Meetings: Planning & Zoning – October 4, 2011  
Code Enforcement – September 13, 2011  
Community Appearance – September 15, 2011  
Special Magistrate – September 7, 2011

## Departments

### Administration

City Administrator Lavisky gave an update on GFS, explaining that they are planning on constructing only the main building at this time, and do not know when the out parcel building will be phased in. Therefore, they will need to go back to the Development Review Committee, Community Appearance Board, and the Planning and Zoning Board with a construction phase plan.

### City Attorney

City Attorney Cirullo reported that he was reviewing the City's existing firearms ordinance because of the newly passed State Statute related to firearms, and that the topic would be addressed at one of the September City Commission meetings.

### Committees

**Unfinished Business:** None

**New Business:**

<b>1. Appeal of Community Appearance Board decision by Carpet Mills Direct, located at 5060 North Federal Highway.</b>
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City Attorney Cirullo provided a summary of the appeal, saying that Carpet Mills Direct made application to the Community Appearance Board on July 21, 2011, requesting approval to install a blue wall sign and blue monument sign for the business located at 5060 North Federal Highway. The monument sign included faces for both Carpet Mills Direct and Furniture World, the business located in the same building as the applicant. The Community Appearance Board denied the request for blue colors, but approved red colors to match the existing Furniture World wall sign.

Denise Williams, with Art Sign Company, and Edward Kenny, owner of Carpet Mills Direct, stated they were requesting to appeal to the City Commission the decision of the Community Appearance Board. Mr. Kenny said he was willing to change the color of the Furniture World wall sign to blue as well.

Discussion by City Commissioners ensued, which included consistency of colors on adjacent buildings, changes and upgrades to the Carpet Mills Direct façade, and the poor condition of other buildings nearby. Community Appearance Board Chairman Michael McLain addressed the Commission, saying that the Board members voted against the blue color request because they were trying to uphold the consistency of other buildings, which had red signs.

Consensus of the Commission was that Mr. Kenny's desire to improve the appearance of the building and that he would change the color of Furniture World's wall sign to match Carpet Mills Direct's sign was reason to approve the appeal.

A **motion** to approve the color blue with the condition that Mr. Kenny pay for the sign and permitting for Furniture World as well as the sign and permitting for Carpet Mills Direct was made by Commissioner Long, seconded by Commissioner Troast, and CARRIED 4:1 as follows:

Yes: Commissioners Troast, Johnson, Long, and Gordon

No: Commissioner Hasis

## **2. Health Insurance Coverage for City Employees Effective October 1, 2011.**

Finance Director Sharp reported to the City Commission that the Employee Handbook and appropriate labor contracts require the City to offer health insurance coverage to all full-time employees. The contract typically lasts for one fiscal year, which requires either an annual renewal or a contract with a new carrier.

Therefore, the City's broker of record, The Gehring Group, solicited quotations for coverage including a posting with DemandStar, the website the City uses for bid processes. Three carriers submitted quotations including the current carrier, United Healthcare, which had the lowest rates, deductibles, and copays. Therefore, City Administration recommended that the City Commission authorize the renewal of health insurance coverage with United Healthcare.

A **motion** to authorize the renewal of health insurance coverage with United Healthcare for the plans Neighborhood Health Partnership HMO (Plan FVF-P) and United Healthcare POS (Plan 7KP), and the premiums shown on the Health Insurance Renewal Rate Comparison for FY 2011-2012 sheet, was made by Commissioner Hasis, seconded by Commissioner Long, and CARRIED 5:0 as follows:

Yes: Commissioners Troast, Hasis, Johnson, Long, and Gordon

**Ordinances:** None

**Resolutions:**

## **3. Resolution authorizing the investment of City Surplus Funds with BankUnited.**

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

A **motion** to approve the resolution authorizing investments permitted by the City Code utilizing BankUnited as an additional financial institution for consideration was made by Commissioner Troast, seconded by Commissioner Johnson, and CARRIED 5:0 as follows:

Yes: Commissioners Troast, Hasis, Johnson, Long, and Gordon

The resolution as adopted carries the following title:

**RESOLUTION NO. 2011-1816**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LIGHTHOUSE POINT, FLORIDA AUTHORIZING THE APPROPRIATE CITY OFFICIALS TO ESTABLISH AN ACCOUNT WITH BANKUNITED FOR THE PURPOSE OF INVESTING SOME OF THE CITY'S IDLE CASH; DESIGNATING SIGNATURE AUTHORITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**Public Requests from the Floor**

Penni Morris, owner of Pac 'N Send, requested that the City Commission allow businesses to utilize illuminated "open" signs. Discussion by Commissioners ensued and a consensus was to have the Lighthouse Point Chamber of Commerce members and business owners schedule a workshop to come up with suggestions to bring back to the City Commission for their consideration. In the meantime, illuminated "open" signs can be used.

Broward County Commissioner LaMarca thanked City officials for allowing him to use the City Hall facilities as a northern base for his district office on Wednesdays. Commissioner LaMarca also offered County assistance for any impending storms.

**Communications**

Commissioner Troast thanked Recreation Director Trudel for his efforts in spearheading the sports field refurbishing project and assisting in bringing it to a speedy completion.

Commissioner Long wished a speedy recovery to Chief Licata.

**Adjournment:** There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:26 p.m.

ATTESTED

APPROVED

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Jennifer M. Oh, Interim City Clerk

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Susie E. Gordon, Commission President