



**CITY OF LIGHTHOUSE POINT, FLORIDA**  
**REGULAR CITY COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES**  
**January 10, 2012 – 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**

Invocation was given by Father Joseph Maroor, St. Paul the Apostle Catholic Church, and was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Schorr introduced and welcomed Interim Library Director Christy Keyes.

**Roll Call**

Mayor Fred Schorr	City Clerk Jennifer M. Oh
Commission President Susie Gordon	Finance Director Terry Sharp
Commission Vice President Michael S. Long	Fire Chief David Donzella
Commissioner Thomas A. Hasis	Interim Library Director Christy Keyes
Commissioner Sandy Johnson	Police Chief Ross Licata
Commissioner Glenn Troast	Public Works Director Art Graham (absent)
City Administrator John D. Lavisky	Recreation Director John Trudel
City Attorney Michael D. Cirullo, Jr.	

**Proclamation** – Declaring January 20, 2012 as Arbor Day

**Approval of Minutes**

A **motion** to approve the City Commission Minutes of the Regular Meeting of December 13, 2011, was made by Commissioner Hasis, seconded by Commissioner Troast, and CARRIED 5:0 as follows:

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

**Treasurer's Report**

City Administrator Lavisky read the Treasurer's Report for the period ending January 10, 2012.

**Boards:** Next Meetings:                    Planning & Zoning –February 7, 2012  
    Code Enforcement –January 17, 2012  
    Community Appearance –January 19, 2012  
    Special Magistrate –February 1, 2012

## Departments

### Administration

City Administrator Lavisky provided an update on new businesses and development activity in the City.

### City Attorney

### Committees

**Unfinished Business:** None

### New Business:

**1. Set date and time for special meeting to canvass returns and declare the results of the January 31, 2012 municipal election (City Charter, Art. VII, Sec. 5).**

A **motion** to set the date and time of Friday, February 3, 2012 at 8:00 a.m. for a special meeting to canvass returns and declare the results of the January 31, 2012 municipal election (City Charter, Art. VII, Sec. 5) was made by Commissioner Long, seconded by Commissioner Troast, and CARRIED 5:0 as follows:

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

**2. Set time for special meeting on Tuesday, February 7, 2012 to swear in City Commissioners elected on January 31, 2012, and to elect a City Commission President and Vice-President for the ensuing year (City Code, Sec. 22-9, and City Charter, Art. II, Sec. 2(g) and (h)).**

A **motion** to set the date and time of Tuesday, February 7, 2012 at 7:15 p.m. for a special meeting to swear in City Commissioners elected on January 31, 2012, and to elect a City Commission President and Vice-President for the ensuing year (City Code, Sec. 22-9, and City Charter, Art. II, Sec. 2(g) and (h)) was made by Commissioner Long, seconded by Commissioner Troast, and CARRIED 5:0 as follows:

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

**Ordinances:** None

**Resolutions:**

**3. Resolution approving the revised Agreements with the Broward County Property Appraiser's Office related to non-ad valorem assessments for both stormwater management and fire protection.**

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

A **motion** to approve the resolution approving the revised Agreements with the Broward County Property Appraiser's Office related to non-ad valorem assessments for both stormwater management and fire protection was made by Commissioner Long, seconded by Commissioner Hasis, and CARRIED 5:0 as follows:

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

The resolution as adopted carries the following title:

**RESOLUTION NO. 2012 – 1842**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LIGHTHOUSE POINT, FLORIDA, APPROVING REVISED AGREEMENTS BETWEEN THE CITY OF LIGHTHOUSE POINT AND THE BROWARD COUNTY PROPERTY APPRAISER'S OFFICE FOR SERVICES RELATED TO NON-AD VALOREM ASSESSMENTS FOR BOTH STORMWATER MANAGEMENT AND FIRE PROTECTION, AUTHORIZING THE APPROPRIATE CITY OFFICIALS TO EXECUTE THE AGREEMENT, AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**Public Requests from the Floor:**

Sharon Fay, 4000 N.E. 27 Avenue, Lighthouse Point, submitted an article to the clerk about Corporate Personhood, and asked the Commission to consider placing the item on a future agenda.

Ms. Fay discussed the Sunland Terrace property, located at 2100 N.E. 39 Street. Ms. Fay stated that the comments she made at the November 29, 2011 Commission meeting about this property were not accurately reflected in the meeting minutes. She expressed concern that this property was going to lower property values. Ms. Fay said she received a letter from County Commissioner Chip LaMarca, which was submitted to the clerk. The letter reflected that the City was aware that Broward Housing Partnership Community Land Trust was purchasing the property prior to closing.

Commissioner Long stated that the City became aware of the purchase of the property three days prior to closing. The City did not have any control over the purchase.

Mayor Schorr mentioned that the project was brought to the City's attention by a telephone call received by our Code Enforcement Office to determine if there were any liens on the property.

Bruce Cramb, 2121 N.E. 42 Court, Lighthouse Point, said he was president of the Venetian Park Gardens Association and was speaking on behalf of the residents of the condominium. Mr. Cramb shares the same concerns as Ms. Fay. He would like to know if the City had any authority to disapprove this type of development. Mr. Cramb hopes the City Commission will not allow any more projects of this type in the City.

City Attorney Cirullo spoke hypothetically and said we do not have any regulations over the purchase and sale of real property.

**Communications:**

Commissioner Long provided additional comments on the Sunland Terrace property. He stated that this is a derelict property that is improving, and tenants will have to uphold our codes.

Commissioner Hasis stated that when he served as a commission chairman for a municipal insurance trust, the trust issued a very large check because of actions by that agency to stop a development they deemed as objectionable.

Mayor Schorr spoke of an accident where a 3-year-old fell into a pool and almost drowned. He was pleased to report that the child would be released from the hospital this week. He recognized the Lighthouse Point Fire Rescue Department for their unbelievable efforts and expressed heartfelt thanks.

**Adjournment:** There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:11 p.m.

ATTESTED

APPROVED

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

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